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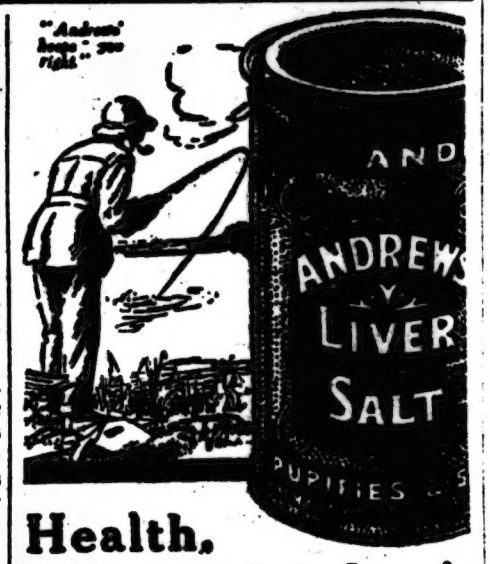

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

The Hungry Hun.

Local authorities cannot have it too strongly impressed upon them that they have no legal power to provide food for infant Huns. Have we no hungry children of our own?

Cork's Lord Mayor.

At the time of writing, the Lord Mayor of Cork remains in a critical condition, and, barring a miracle, the end cannot be far away. But we shall always regret that the King did not, for once, assert his prerogative, and liberate the misguided man.

Nothing New.

A Roman Catholic contemporary, ridiculing the suggestion of the canonisation of Protestant saints, says: "Fancy St. Charles the First! St. Mrs. Pankhurst! or the Blessed Bottomley!" But we have often been called that.

Coals to—Swansea.

It used to be regarded as the quintessence of anomaly to "carry coals to Newcastle." Now, however, Swansea—in the very heart of the South Wales mining district—is actually importing black diamonds from America. Yarmouth will soon be importing bloaters from Germany.

"Last and Lowest."

Our contemporary, *Common Sense*, in its Parliamentary survey, tells us that "the last and lowest group in the House is composed of Mr. Bottomley and Mr. Palmer, both of whom have been fairly prominent. . . . but their denunciations of the Government lack the ring of sincerity." Is it suggested we are out for a job?

"N.U.X."

The National Union of Ex-Service Men has issued a reply to our recent article, but has carefully avoided any reference to our allegation that it has grossly misrepresented its membership. We have also received a copy of a resolution passed by the London Area Committee, advising us to "mind our own business." That is exactly what we *are* doing in exposing this dangerous organisation.

Why He Was "Disgusted"!

The *Daily Herald* recently published a paragraph from a member of the R.I.C, running: "One night last month two R.I.C. men, while proceeding to their station after attending Assizes, were shot dead. The following day I handed in my resignation. . . . I would rather be in gaol than in the R.I.C." Our contemporary naïvely adds the sub-heading "R.I.C. Man Disgusted With Militarism"!

Our Legal Recollections.

It will interest the numerous readers who have made inquiries to know that the Odhams Press contemplate, in due course, publishing our Recollections in book form.

The *Deutschland*.

The time for the exhibition of this German monster submarine is rapidly running out, which doubtless accounts for the fact that visitors to the Isle of Man—where she is at present moored in Douglas Harbour—are flocking to her in their thousands.

Poor Paraguay!

Residents in this important South American city complain bitterly that, whereas the United States have a fully equipped legation, with Ambassador, Secretary, Consul and Vice-Consul, ours is "about the size of a match-box"—with only an Acting-Consul in attendance, the British Minister being resident in Buenos Ayres. Is our Foreign Office blind to the importance of British prestige?

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Comrades and Federation.

All the signs and portents for a fusion of these two great bodies are favourable. United, and under wise guidance, they might well become our sure shield in the big days ahead.

Ireland.

The eyes of the country have been so much fixed on the European horizon of late that people are apt to overlook the terrible state of affairs across the Irish Channel. Poland and Russia are really not in it. Our scheme will *have* to come.

A Proud Constituency.

We are very proud of the fact that South Hackney has provided men for three great positions in the Anglican Church. First, there is the historic Rectory of Hawarden; then the Primus of our great self-governing Colony's Church in South Africa (the Archbishop of Cape Town), and finally the Primate of another great Colonial Church—in the Archbishop of Brisbane. We have often been described as Member for the Man-in-the-Street—what about Member for the Man-in-the-Pulpit?

The Jockey Club's Mistake.

The Jockey Club has long been an out-of-date institution; but it never made a greater mistake than in refusing to sanction a race meeting for the benefit of Lord Haig's Fund.

JOHN BULL's Boys.

We have been down to Herne Bay and seen our embryo boxing champions at work. Gee-wiz, they are "some" lads! Carpentier, and Jimmy Wilde must look to their laurels.

Old Age Pension Notices.

Several old age pensioners complain to us that the official notices sent to them come in unsealed envelopes which, in the case of tenement dwellings, are open to general inspection and place them in an invidious position. As such notices are franked, we suggest that this indecent practice should be abolished.

The G.E.R.

In connection with a series of weekly outings of Hackney women—God bless them!—to Epping Forest, which we have been organising, we have come much into contact with the staff of the Great Eastern Railway. The improvement effected in the service in recent years is amazing; and we doubt whether any other line is now better managed.

"Pussyfoot" and Ourselves.

According to the *Evening Standard*—usually one of the best informed of journals—Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson is expected to arrive in Scotland in a few days' time "and the liquor interests have engaged the services of Mr. Horatio Bottomley and Mr. Ben Tillett." We are afraid that even the "liquor interests" have not sufficient funds to "engage" us. We are not for hire.

Compliments from Germany.

There is now published in Berlin a paper in English, under the title of *The European Press*, and in a recent issue the Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., whose pro-German proclivities we have already exposed, gives us an interesting notice. He waxes extremely wrath over the fact that in every train people are found reading us. It appears "they belong to all social classes, especially to the acute bourgeois and to the young man who never reads a book." Why need he?

Ten Years Ago.

From JOHN BULL, of September 3rd, 1910: "Without discussing politics, who shall say what will be the position of 'Parties' and of Party Politicians in a few years' time?" If you see it——, etc.!

Local Limerick.

(At Southend, Mrs. Lamb took her seat as a Magistrate for the first time. Doubting how to address her, policemen said "Sir," and prisoners said "Mum.")

There's a lady, a Lamb, but not dumb,
Who a Southend J.P. has become;
The policemen in Court
Call her "sir" just for short,
For 'tis certain she'll never be mum!

Girl Slaves of Hong Kong.

The Colonial Office says it cannot agree that a condition of Girl Slavery exists in the British Colony of Hong Kong. A magazine issued from St. John's Cathedral, in the colony, retorts with a serious allegation. It states plainly that a girl can be bought and sold, and can be beaten by her owner. If that is not slavery, it is a most successful imitation. Nominally, the native girls are "adopted," and the desire of the Cathedral people is merely that all cases of adoption be registered.

In the Wash.

"Wanted," says the Star Laundry, of Grimsby, "a first-class packer, with a view to managing if suitable; wages 35s. a week, 48 hours." Of course, there is, or may be, the view, distant and in the shadows, of a managership, but the Laundry does not say if that position would involve a reduction of salary or an increase. Their customers pay pretty heavily, and they should not dock a first-class man of his due.

National Relief Fund Again.

No one begrudges our hard-pressed hospitals a windfall, but we should like to know what subscribers to the National Relief Fund think of the Committee's decision to set aside £700,000 for hospital purposes. The Fund, as is common knowledge, has often refused to help in the very cases it was called into existence to relieve. Before disposing of its surplus, the Committee should make certain that there are no ex-Servicemen or their dependents, or other victims of the war, still in need.

Their Reward.

The Government has employed numbers of ex-Service men in the Civil Service as an example. They have usually proved their efficiency; they have often dumbfounded the permanent staff by their smartness. So, now it is proposed to get rid of them by subjecting them to a Civil Service examination, wherein they will have to state "Who was Elizabeth Fry? Where was Homer born? and What is Bimetallism?" Should they pass such tests, they will be graciously allowed to enter the Civil Service at the lowest rate of pay. Is that just or fair?

Prophetic.

A recent issue of *The Post*, an organ of the Postal servants, contains a letter from a Branch Secretary which is almost prophetic in the light of subsequent revelations. Said that correspondent, who had been sent a collecting sheet on behalf of the *Daily Herald*: "I do not intend to make any effort whatever to obtain funds for a paper that caters for foreigners. If the *Daily Herald* is in need of funds, I think that Lansbury and Co. should appeal to the Russian Government for a subsidy seeing that it works on behalf of that country, more so than for Old England." There's many a true word written in earnest.

A Cornish Criticism.

The foreman of a certain Cornish factory is said to have bluntly refused to employ ex-Service men, calling them "too lazy." A small proportion may be slack, but they at least cannot be called cowardly—an epithet bestowed on some of the Cornish miners on the Witswatersrand at the time of the Jameson Raid, when they fled for safety in trains intended for the women and children.

A Home for a Hero.

Mr. H. V. Guildford, 2, South Street, King Street, Hammersmith, a married ex-soldier who served in Gallipoli with the glorious 29th Division, is homeless, having been evicted from his lodgings on a legal point. It is not a question of poverty; in six weeks or so he hopes to take possession of an Army hut which he has bought, and in the meantime he is willing to pay a pound a week for a couple of rooms, unfurnished for preference. Can any of our readers in the Western suburbs oblige?

The Cost of "Dryness."

It is reported from the District of Columbia, which includes Washington, that a special Court is shortly to be established to deal with infringements of the drastic Liquor Laws. At present, the local Courts, to use the eloquent phrase of a Yankee newspaper, are "jammed up" with liquor prosecutions. Such results are inevitable when law rushes wildly in advance of public opinion. No wonder the Prohibition issue is to be fought out afresh at the Presidential polls.

Foresters.

A complaint against the Forestry Commissioners—not the first we have registered—comes from Whinlatter, Cumberland. The men, who are clearing, digging, and planting, get 48s. a week. They are often sopping wet through and through, but must not go home or their pay would be stopped. The wage is actually very small, for the district near Keswick is one for tourists, and prices are stiff to everybody. The men say the ruling wage in the locality is £3. If their allegations are correct, the Commissioners are clearly wrong.

Dales of Dunstable.

What Dunstable thinks of its Mayor, Councillor Dales, was amply shown at the town's meeting to consider its war memorial. Mr. Mayor has got into trouble with his Council because he has supported Service men. At the meeting there was a scene unparalleled in the old town, a crowd packed inside and another crowd outside. A vote of confidence in the Mayor was carried by practically every hand being raised, and then all sang "For he's a jolly good fellow!" Mr. Dales did not forget the men when the war was over.

Isle of Man Prices.

Apropos of a recent complaint by a Manchester reader of profiteering in the Isle of Man, we are reminded that the charges made by the Douglas Boarding and Lodging House Proprietors' Association are reasonable. But our comment was only on the shopkeepers' prices, and the local Press itself admits that visitors are often charged much more than residents. For instance, salmon was quoted at 5s. a pound at one shop and 3s. at another, the first retailer's excuse being that he thought his customer "was a visitor."

The Native Pays.

Can anybody inform us why the religion of the British in India—the Christian religion, that is—should be paid for out of the public taxes contributed by Hindoos, Buhddists, Mohammedans, Parsees and other natives?

The Super-Man.

The kind of man that Ireland needs to-day is boldly outlined in an advert. in a Belfast newspaper. Somebody, who gives only a box number, says that there is a "Fireman Wanted, 40 to 50 h.p." Hercules is dead, so we do not know whom to suggest for the vacancy, unless it be one of the City Police who won the Olympic tug-of-war.

Britain for the Greek?

According to a seaman, the latest push of foreigners to crowd the British out of British ships consists of Greeks. They are usually young men, of military age, and, though Greece has been needing fighters, they prefer to stay away from home. Hundreds of them are in our boats while the Briton walks the docks. A concrete instance is cited from Barry, where the s.s. *Brookvale* signed on as sailors and stokers 10 Greeks, 1 Yankee, and 5 Britons. Oh, Britain for the—Greek!

Week-End Whisky.

A reader signing himself "Moderate Drinker" is dreadfully perturbed over what he describes as "Saturday-and-Sunday-whisky." His charge is that on those days the Excise officers go to sleep, so that the publican can water his spirits to his heart's content. He adulterates his beer, we are told, as well as his spirits, and he fills all his "special" bottles, labelled as good brands, from the same common tap. That is the unchecked way of the wrong 'uns, so perhaps the Excise folk really do snooze out the week-end.

Co-operative Buying.

A woman correspondent suggests that one means of bringing down the prices of foodstuffs would be for a group of housewives in the same district to club together and effect all their purchases through one of their number, who, by buying in large quantities, could obtain the benefit of wholesale prices. Groceries and other goods bought in this way could be delivered either to the house of the woman who did the actual buying or to a committee-room set aside for the purpose, whence individual housewives would fetch them. A trifling commission from everyone in the group would recoup the buyer for her time and trouble. What do our women readers think about it?

A Conchy's Degree.

We are assured by the *Walsall Observer* that "his many friends in Bloxwich will congratulate Mr. Vivian Smith, of Cambridge House, Short Heath, upon having had the degree of M.A. conferred upon him by Oxford University." This item is unlikely to be received with rapturous enthusiasm by the general public, who will remember the new Master of Arts as a notorious "Conchy," who—not content with shirking his obligations as a British citizen—lost no opportunity while the war lasted of pleading the cause of the foe. It is a pity that the Walsall journal should insult its readers by dragging this foolish young man from the obscurity which is his natural sphere.

Local Limerick.

(*According to Bond Street and Paris, woman's waist-line in the new fashions will be much lower—"somewhere between the hip and the knee"!*)

There's a new fashion, Bond Street decrees,
Where the waist-line is down near the knees;
But no matter how low
Beauty's waist-line may go,
Bertie's arm will still find it with ease!

Gardener's Wages.

Gardeners are among the few classes of workers still scandalously underpaid. For instance, the Sheffield Education Committee, who ought to set a good example, are advertising for a Resident Assistant Gardener at £55 per annum, with a "war allowance" of £10 extra. As regards men in private employment the conditions are often much worse. We have every sympathy with the National Union of Horticultural Workers in their efforts to remedy this state of affairs.

Crocks from Ireland.

One of the things that Ireland sends us in increasing numbers is old and worn-out horses. Recently, at Belfast, a brute was fined £25 for leading a mare with a damaged and dislocated joint along the road, her neck being firmly roped to her tail. "One of the worst cases that ever came before the Court," said the Magistrate, and few will disagree. The cruelty to such poor creatures is appalling, and there should be a compulsory inspection of horses before shipment from Ireland, just as there is of cattle.

More Railway Tyranny.

One of our readers protests against the tyranny of the railway companies in compelling toy dogs, who may be terrified of strangers and possibly suffer injury, to travel in the guard's van, even although passengers do not object to the animals' presence in the ordinary compartments. Such a regulation strikes us as especially high-and-mighty in view of the extortionate rates demanded for the carriage of dogs, and we should like to know on what legal grounds it is justified. What has the Ministry of Transport to say?

Technical Kicks.

From Plympton, in delightful Devon, comes a surprising story. An unhappy sheep, on its way to the slaughter-house, was thrice kicked by the man in charge. The animal was found to be badly bruised, and the case was taken to Court. We are gravely assured that the Bench considered the offence as a technical one, and the penalty imposed was but one shilling. Three kicks on a poor dumb animal about to be executed, at fourpence per kick, was a cheap let-off. But the "technical" nature of those kicks is still a puzzle.

Licensing Injustices.

It seems too often to be forgotten that the sudden withdrawal of a public-house licence may spell utter ruin for a man who has no other trade at his fingers ends, such being, indeed, the extreme penalty which only serious misconduct on the part of a licensed victualler can be held to justify. We notice that a recent decision of the Amlwch (Anglesey) Justices, affecting a young man with an excellent record of war service, is the subject of vigorous protest by the local Comrades of the Great War. More power to their arm!

Cruelty to Animals.

We agree with many of our correspondents that the scope of the present law against cruelty to animals ought to be considerably extended. One matter that constitutes a public disgrace is the persistent overloading of horse-drawn vehicles and the cruel "whipping up" of the exhausted animals on steep or difficult roads. Police and magistrates should be empowered to deal with this scandal as it deserves.

Dilution in Canada.

According to the Imperial Veterans in Canada, a body of warriors like our own Federation of Sailors and Soldiers, the Canadian Pacific Railway is preparing for the importation of at least 20,000 Italians. They are to be employed in building railways, the suggestion being that theirs is better work than the British. The "Canpac" might find out how many thousands of miles of railway were laid in record time by Britons during the war.

"For Heroes to Live In."

In support of the local Housing Bond Campaign, Councillor Lewis, of Brighton, has written a letter to the Press urging the subscription of money so as to build houses "for those heroes who fought for us in the late war." It was this same Councillor Lewis who recently insulted said heroes by declaring that Brighton was "too attractive for soldiers." His latest utterance has prompted a Brighton ex-sailor to ask what the Councillor's actual definition of "heroes" is.

A Police Injustice.

In most districts it is possible to purchase an ounce of tobacco or a packet of cigarettes on a Sunday, the Lord's Day Observance Act notwithstanding; but for the future this simple privilege will be denied to the inhabitants of Hucknall, Notts, by order of an Inspector of the local constabulary. The unfairness of the new order lies in the fact that the public-houses will continue to sell tobacco on Sunday evenings. We entirely sympathise with the little local tradesmen.

The Matrons.

The troubles of out-of-work nurses, often outlined by us, are shared by the matrons. Numbers of these ladies held important posts in county hospitals and as county officers. In 1914, they went into war work and war hospitals, and put in five years of strenuous and ever increasing toil. Now they are demobilised and, like many more, out. They cannot get back to their county appointments; five years in war hospitals has set them among the "too old." But they should have first chance of any berth under the Health or Pensions Ministries. That is only their due.

"What's in a Name?"

Persons cursed with alien patronymics have been busy of late changing their names by Deed Poll. Herzberg becomes Hayward, Hintz is transformed to Hinton, Kapphahn to Kingham, Kirsch to Mayo, Knospe to Doughty, Kohen to Colin, Schick to Chick, Schiever to the overworked Smith, Schmieder to Kirby, Schwanebeck to Swan, Shnaider to Stanley, Timmirscheidt to Bell, Trechmann to Trencham, Warnecke to Worsdale, and Zingtheim to Smith. Ere long inquisitive children will be asking: "What was your name before the Great War, daddy?"

"Some" Profiteering.

At Bridgend, Wales, a reader was recently charged 3s. 6d. for a pot of tea for two, and four slices of bread and butter. This was at a dwelling house, not a café, and was more than double what would have been charged at one of the large and luxurious London tea shops, where one consumes a toasted muffin to an orchestral accompaniment. What a mercy our correspondent wasn't hungry!

Stupid By-Laws.

With new-laid eggs at five-and-six a dozen, many humble householders are glad to keep a few fowls in the back garden. In some districts, however, the local authorities have seen fit to impose all manner of irksome restrictions—the most trifling breach of these regulations being followed by the uncalled for intervention of the Inspector of Nuisances. That fowls may at times be a nuisance we are not denying, but so can inspectors be when they are egged on by superior authority to vex and harass the defenceless poor.

Was "Time" Deserved?

Because a pony, which had been in the pit only a few days, was "a bit awkward," a stallman employed at the Mansfield Colliery struck it a heavy blow in the mouth with an iron drag, weighing 15 lb.! The animal's bottom lip was cut clean through, down to the teeth, two of which were broken. The man was fined ten guineas—only a fortnight's wages—and "allowed time" to pay. He hardly deserved it, for he had not "allowed time" for the poor pony to get used to his new job and become accustomed to the gloom of the dim underworld.

Half-Crown Snatchers.

As positions in such capacities as stewards are given by shipping companies only to people of whom they have some personal knowledge, anyone desirous of life on the ocean wave will hardly gratify his wish by sending 2s. 6d. to the Northern Shipping Agency, 51, Plimsoll Road, Finsbury Park, London. This firm does not guarantee positions, nor does it call itself an employment agency—were it to do either, it would have to be registered by the London County Council—but it undertakes, in return for half-a-crown, to provide applicants with "up-to-date reliable information and guidance" with which "to secure berths." They will be able to do nothing of the kind.

A Derbyshire Southend.

The unfortunate residents of South Normanton and Blackwell, in Derbyshire, are dependent on the Sutton-in-Ashfield Urban Council for their water supply, and lately the fact has been painfully impressed upon them. Owing to a breakdown at the water-works the two parishes named were "cut off," and were compelled to have recourse to local sources of supply, such as old, disused wells that had been condemned, and for the use of which in the past people had been prosecuted. An epidemic of summer diarrhœa broke out, but was luckily kept in check by the cold weather. Adding insult to injury, the Sutton Urban Council asked for an advance of 25 per cent. on the water charges!

Waiting to be Won.

If you want to win the first prize of £1,000 offered for the best "Bullet" this week, send in without delay. It is your last chance to win this splendid prize.

PRISONERS AT THE BAR. IV. MR. ROBERT SMILLIE.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Robert Smillie, the charge against you is that you have engaged in a seditious conspiracy against the safety of this Realm, and, subject to anything you may have to urge in your own defence, I am bound to say that the evidence against you is of a most damning kind. From the moment of your entry into public life you have made it your business to traduce the ancient institutions of this country, and to belittle Great Britain in the eyes of the world; while by your persistent efforts to set class against class and to fan the embers of discontent into the flame of revolution you have earned the just contempt of all peace-loving citizens. As President of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain you have betrayed the great trust imposed in you by your fellows, using the authority of your position not to harmonise discords and foster goodwill, but to stir up strife and promote disorder. At this very moment the nation trembles on the brink of a disaster largely traceable to your mischief-making activities. What have you to say why you should not be sentenced as you deserve?

PRISONER: Mistakes, I may have made, my Lord, but at every stage of my career I have acted as the representative of the workers. Their cause is mine; their rights, my rights; their wrongs my wrongs. I claim no privilege that is denied to them. I stand before you as a Tribune of the People.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Wait a moment. We will examine your claim, and see how far it can be substantiated from your public record. On seven separate occasions, I believe, you have offered yourself as a candidate for Parliament in the Labour interest, the first time in 1894 and the last in 1910. In every one of these elections you were at the bottom of the poll in a three-cornered contest, your most successful effort being in Mid-Lanark ten years ago, when you managed to scrape together 3,864 votes, less than a quarter of the total poll. Seven times you have sought the suffrages of an industrial electorate and seven times your Parliamentary aspirations have been thwarted by the franchise of the workers. What, then, becomes of your insolent claim to be regarded as the spokesman of the popular will?

PRISONER: I was not referring, my Lord, to the affairs of Parliament, which I regard as an effete institution, unsuited to modern needs. In common with other advanced thinkers in this country and on the Continent, I look forward to the time when the great trade unions shall control the proceedings of Parliament and mould the policy of the State. For all that, I am no revolutionary. The charge of seditious conspiracy I strenuously deny. I have never striven to subvert the established institutions of this country, or to undermine the Constitution of my native land.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: I can judge you, prisoner, only by your public utterances, which certainly do not recommend you to the favour of the Court. Take, for instance, your statement to the Leeds Labour Convention in 1916: "We have to speak in the name of our own class, and damn the Constitution." Was that the speech of a law-abiding citizen? In May 1917 you congratulated the Russian people and "hoped a revolution would follow in Germany and England." Time and again I find you holding up the Russian Soviet system as a model for all European states, and urging the British workers to tread the red path of anarchy. Do you ask me to forget all this?

PRISONER: No, my Lord; but I ask you to make allowance for the exuberances of platform oratory, and to distinguish between mere rhetoric and actual seditious intent. Much of what I said was meant to be understood figuratively, intended at the most to rouse the workers to political action on constitutional lines, and to dispel the apathy that hinders the progress of the Labour cause. I trust to your Lordship's sense of justice. A man, surely, is not to be condemned for a few hasty words!

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Listen, prisoner. It is not for words you stand condemned, nor for any mere political heresy, however inimical to the interest of the State. Abused as it too often is by agitators of your type, the right of free speech is still among the most cherished institutions, and no mere exuberance of language would have brought you to the dock. The head and front of your offending is that at this critical moment in the nation's history you are employing the most trivial of pretexts to engineer a strike, which, if allowed to proceed, will paralyse the trade of the country, add still further to the crushing burden of the taxpayer, and inflict the gravest hardships upon the whole community. There is no greater political criminal than the man who, at a time like this, deliberately sows the seeds of discord, raising the red spectre of revolution and civil war. On the counts, Robert Smillie, you are guilty, without a vestige of excuse. The sentence of the Court is that you be kept to hard labour till the present disturbances are over and your power for mischief at an end.

PRISONER: In gaol, my Lord?

MR. JUSTICE BULL: No, not in gaol. Unhappily, the law prescribes no such penalty. You must go back to the coal-pits and earn your bread by honest labour, as you did before the sweets of office and the plaudits of excited crowds conspired to turn your head. Such, at any rate, is my considered judgment. The nation will find means to enforce the penalty.

TWO PICTURES.

"ENEMY" CHILDREN—AND OUR OWN HUNGRY LITTLE ONES.

Hundreds of children from Austria-Hungary and Germany continue to arrive in this country for a year's stay. 465 of them came to Folkestone the other day, on their way to Richborough, singing the Hungarian National Anthem as a greeting. And there are German children at Hythe, made much of by fools and faddists because local people are not enamoured of their company. . . . And the British mother, whose loved husband was killed in the war, looks at her own little ones—white, thin, and pinched, wanting more food and better food, needing clothes and boots, a-hungered most days because daddy has been taken from them. The poor widowed mother reads of those Austrian and German young ones—fostered, guarded, and pampered all the way from the "enemy" countries to this land of ours, wherein their stay is to be of one year, well-fed, well-clothed, amused, entertained, and waited on. And, perhaps, it was one of their folk who killed her own good man and orphaned the mites at her knee. . . . Britain is the most charitable nation, but sometimes its charity is foolishness.

By the way, whilst the Secretary of the "Hospitality Committee" of the "Save the Children" Fund claims that the Ministry of Health "has always given moral support to the bringing of ex-enemy children to this country. Dr. Addison has gone out of the way to inform the Monmouthshire County Council that they have clearly no legal authority for the feeding of infant Huns. The latter decision is undoubtedly a sound one, but we should welcome some evidence of settled principle in the Government's attitude towards important questions of this kind.

DODGING THE RENTS ACT.

ESTATE AGENT'S QUESTIONABLE METHODS WITH TENANTS.

Already some landlords and house agents are seeking to evade the provisions of the new Rents Act and to fog the public as to its exact effect. Particularly we have been interested in the notices issued to tenants by Mr. H. Hilton, of the Estate Offices, 15, Adelaide Street, South Shields, an agent having the management of a large amount of cottage property. Among the recipients of the documents in question were a poor old couple, in receipt of the Old Age Pension and little else besides—the effect, if not the intention, of the agent's blunt intimation being entirely to mislead these aged folks as to their position under the Act. The notices, which are printed and evidently intended for general use, are objectionable on various grounds. In the first place, because they give no clear particulars to justify the proposed increase of rent, and, secondly, as calculated to mislead tenants into the belief that they can be turned out of their houses at the mere whim of the landlord and without application to the Court.

A still more questionable circumstance is the use made in these documents of a statement attributed to Dr. Lyons, Medical Officer of Health for South Shields: "You increase by your votes your own rent," this quotation and the use of the Medical Officer's name, being an entirely unauthorised departure, bestowing an air of official authority. We cannot too strongly advise tenants that they are entitled to a full explanation of any increased rent demand, while in any event they cannot be evicted except by an Order of the Court, after a proper hearing, at which they are given an opportunity of stating their case.

"INFIRMITY OF MIND."

REMARKABLE STORY OF A POLICE DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

If the contentions of Mr. Charles Garner, Greenwood Road, Dalston, are correct, he has a very legitimate grievance against the Police authorities. The facts, briefly, are these: In August of last year, Mr. Garner, who had served 20 years with the Police and risen to the rank of sergeant, was charged with making statements on political and labour matters and police policy likely to cause disaffection. He admits being outspoken, but denies that his remarks justified dismissal from the Force. However, he *was* dismissed, and was then informed that he could see the Police Surgeon, and if the latter certified him to be suffering from "infirmity of mind" the dismissal would be cancelled and he would be allowed to retire on medical grounds under the terms of the Police Act. The Surgeon, who knew the facts of the case, was unable to certify that Garner was mentally unbalanced, but stated that he was run down, and undertook to forward a certificate which would meet with the Commissioner's requirements. Garner was then reinstated and placed on sick leave without loss of pay or rank—until November 13th, when he was discharged and told he would receive a pension of £2 5s. a week. Since then three doctors have certified, independently, that he is in sound physical and mental health—which means that, according to the Police Act, he is eligible for re-employment. Scotland Yard refuses, however, to reinstate him or to discuss the case. Therefore, the authorities have to face this dilemna: either Garner committed an offence that justified dismissal, or some explanation is necessary as to why they do not exercise their powers under the Act.

A BLASPHEMOUS TAILOR.

TRADING ON RELIGION AT LEICESTER.

One of the most disgusting documents we have yet had occasion to read is a circular issued by R. C. I. Roberts, of 114, Church Gate, Leicester. His farrago of nauseous blasphemy runs: "Join the Divine Brotherhood and be Christians—as God wants it—so it must be, a new world, the Millennium. I am a Christian Socialist. I believe in the Divinity. . . . Do not go to churches, chapels and missions to worship the mammon gods therein for that is wickedness and unbelief in me. . . . I am in quest of all the human parents who will help and finance me in my Divine Mission Effort. . . . Amen. . . . One Penny per week, One shilling per quarter by post is all I ask for. . . . *And Now For Business.* I am the Divine Tailor, the only one in the trade. . . . I guarantee my best Gent's suits and Overcoats . . . Made to measure. . . . All moral conscientious people, Christians and trade unionists, will give their orders." Of all the despicable humbugs surely he who prostitutes religion for the purposes of profit is the most contemptible. It is hard to understand how Leicester can tolerate such a creature.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

ASYLUM AUTHORITIES OVERLOOK FATAL INJURIES.

The Whitehaven Town Council have adopted the very unusual course of asking the Home Secretary to re-open the Coroner's inquest upon the body of William Litt, a man of 41, who died quite recently in the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle. The post-mortem examination ordered by the Coroner revealed terrible injuries, seven broken ribs, a fractured breast-bone, and a broken jaw, and, although a certain amount of evidence was tendered in regard to an accidental fall, the conclusion that this mishap entirely accounted for the deceased's terrible condition was so doubtful as entirely to justify the demand of the Whitehaven Council. An unpleasant feature of the case was the admission that this poor fellow, when "found wandering in an unsound state of mind," was "frog-marched" to the station by three policemen; a form of treatment which, however "gently" administered, can hardly be recommended in mental cases. At the Garlands Asylum it was five days before he was even found to be suffering from a broken jaw. In demanding a fresh inquiry into these tragic circumstances the Whitehaven Council are voicing a vigorous local demand.

MORE "SPANISH PRISONERS."

HUGE "DORMANT DEPOSIT" AT RAILWAY STATION.

That any section of the public should still be deceived by the ancient "Spanish prisoner" swindle is almost past belief; yet several readers have recently approached us in regard to the following letter, purporting to emanate from beyond the Pyrenees:—

> SIR,—Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beg your aid for recovering a sum of 32,000 Sterling pounds that I have in banknotes inner (sic) a trunk which is deposited at an English railway station. For that it is necessary to pay to the Registrar of the Court the expenses of my trial in order to raise the seizure of my baggage and take to your charge a valise with a secret pocket inner which I have hidden the ticket of the railway indispensable for recovering the trunk off the station.

As a reward for these trifling services the writer offers one third part of the £32,000, when recovered, the recipient of this engaging proposal being invited to telegraph his acceptance of the offer to an address at Santander, Spain. The letters sent to various persons in this country bear the Spanish postmark. In fine, it is just the old, old fraud.

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CHEATS IN UNIFORM.

POLICE BREAK LAW TO SECURE CONVICTION.

"Glorious Goodwood" brought a rare opportunity to the Portsmouth Police, who for some time past had had their eye upon a local book-making establishment kept by a Mr. Henry Millington. In a general way, it was impossible to interfere with Millington, who conducted his business straightforwardly, and was as familiar as any police officer with our anomalous betting laws; but with the arrival of the Goodwood meeting it was anticipated that the wary bookmaker would be engaged elsewhere, and might be taken off his guard. Thus advised, the police decided to "chance their arm," and a plain-clothes officer, named Veal, visited the establishment with the deliberate purpose of breaking the law. At first Mrs. Millington, who had been left in charge, refused the officer's money. However, Veal ultimately managed to "get a bit on," assuring the deluded woman that "it would be all right." The defences of the establishment being thus cunningly overthrown, other small bets were accepted, and on the evidence of the detective officers, including Veal, Mr. Millington was charged under the Betting Act and fined £50 by the Portsmouth Magistrates. So is the majesty of the law upheld!

CRIMINAL BLUNDERING.

DEATHS FROM POISONING AT A SUSSEX HOSPITAL.

An alarming state of affairs appears to exist at the Buchanan Hospital, Hastings, where two patients recently died through accidental poisoning. Preparatory to an X-ray examination an old man named William Dark was given, as it was thought, a "bismuth meal," it being only after the patient's death, under an anæsthetic, that the substance actually administered was recognised as barium carbonate, a highly poisonous and utterly unsuitable drug. It was the death of a second patient, W. H. Howe, in precisely similar circumstances, that opened the eyes of the doctors to the terrible mistake that had been made, while at the inquest before the local Coroner it was stated that a third patient had escaped a similar fate only through a violent attack of vomiting. Much too readily, as it seems to us, the Coroner exonerated the hospital authorities from blame, the evidence clearly pointing to a shocking laxity in regard to the purchase and administration of dangerous drugs. Apparently the whole business was left to nurses with no knowledge of chemistry, and the haziest possible notion of the various drugs and their effects. And this appalling state of affairs, resulting in the death of two patients, was passed over by the Coroner without a word of censure!

PRINTER'S PIE.

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of each item published. Envelopes must be marked "Pie.")

"THE STAR":—"Harvesting is in full swing here in OXFORDSHIRE, writes a *Daily News* correspondent from BOMBAY."

"THE TIMES" (Advt.):—"For sale, in a HORRIBLE part of Lincolnshire, 40 acres of GOOD LAND, £1,000."

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MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW—IV.

A BREEZE WITH JUSTICE RIDLEY—A BIG LIBEL CASE.

(Mr. Bottomley continues the story of his remarkable experiences of the Courts. In previous chapters he has dealt with his early career as Lawyer's Clerk and Court Shorthand Writer; whilst, last week, he retold the story of the great Hansard Union Prosecution.)

AFTER several more cases, of no particular public interest, I found myself one day before Mr. Justice Ridley. Finlay (now Lord Finlay) was opposing me, and Marshall Hall was for me. It was a Stock Exchange case, and from the outset the Judge appeared to be somewhat prejudiced against me. Marshall Hall, with characteristic loyalty to his client, entered a strong protest, and there was a bit of a scene. At that time I was in control, as explained in another chapter, of the *Sun* newspaper, and, at the conclusion of the case, I published in the columns of that journal an Open Letter to his Lordship, which caused some sensation at the time, and was, as I happen to know, the subject of a special meeting of the Judges—when it was decided to take no judicial cognisance of my offence. No good service would be served by re-publishing that letter at this date.

THE HESS CASE.

And so things went on, my name constantly cropping up in the Courts, usually with Lawson Walton as Leader and Rufus Isaacs as Junior on my side (unless I appeared in person)—until, in 1900, it again became necessary for me to vindicate my commercial integrity. I had been engaged for several years, after the Hansard Union days, in the development of the West Australian mining industry, and in that connection had formed various mining and financial companies. During this period a Mr. Henry Hess had come over from Africa and established a militant financial journal, called the *Critic*, which played havoc with nearly everybody engaged in finance. About fifty libel actions were brought against him, and in almost every one of them he was successful—with the result that he became the terror of the City. In due course he fell foul of me and my companies, and so persistent and venomous became his attacks that I had no alternative but to institute proceedings for libel against him. The action came before Grantham, and from the outset I discovered that I had not only the defendant, but also the Judge, to fight. I had done my best to prevent his trying the case on the ground that in another action, a short time previously, he had expressed strong opinions respecting many of the matters in dispute, but he insisted upon taking it. I appeared in person, whilst McCall, K.C., Boydell Houghton and Hugh Fletcher Moulton were for Mr. Hess.

"PRAISE FROM SIR HUBERT."

For days I fought both Judge and counsel, and I was encouraged on one occasion by a few kindly words from Mr. Asquith, who had dropped in during my cross-examination of the defendant. Mr. Dickens and other eminent counsel also expressed sympathy with me in my fight; and in the end I secured a verdict for £1,000 damages. In the course of his summing-up, Grantham got into a rare muddle. One of the libels I had complained of consisted of a statement that I had narrowly escaped conviction in the Hansard Union trial, and the Judge was obliged to uphold my contention that this was a matter which it was not competent for the jury to inquire into. And this is how he did it: "I agree," he said, "that Mr. Bottomley is entitled to rely upon his acquittal. There was a very great deal of money lost, and there was a very strong feeling that there had been fraud. But the case was very complicated, and I do not think I am doing Mr. Bottomley an injustice if I say that I think if he had been defended by counsel the chances are he would have been convicted." At this the counsel in Court naturally evinced signs of disagreement; whereupon his Lordship preceeded, in his own inimitable way, to put matters right. "When I say that had Mr. Bottomley been represented by counsel he would probably have been convicted, I mean it was so difficult for anybody who did not know the details of all these companies and all these cases to defend it; but I may say this, *that if he had been convicted, it would have been a wrong conviction.*" To add a word to this pronouncement would be to spoil it. Naturally, the Bar were furious.

A LAWYER'S IMPRESSIONS.

Perhaps I may be permitted to reproduce here an article which was published by a daily paper at the close of the case, from the pen of a well-known practising barrister, once a prominent Member of Parliament and now occupying a high judicial position:—

"I was attracted, in common with dozens of other juniors, to King's Bench IV. on Tuesday last by the fame of the contending parties. I knew nothing of either litigant except by repute, but no sooner had I entered the Court than I became absorbed in the dramatic developments of the sensational trial. I had gone, truth to tell, to make a Roman holiday—to witness, with philosophical stoicism, two expert gladiators engage in mortal combat. I remained day after day, fascinated and spellbound by the magnetism of a great personality which became revealed. I went into Court a somewhat cynical outsider; I came away a convinced and hopeless partisan—of Mr. Bottomley. Mr. Bottomley was on his feet making his opening statement. Short and stout in person, he is relieved from insignificance by a massive head, a masterful jaw, and a certain geniality and power about the eyes and brow. Mr. Bottomley struck me as being a better-looking Bradlaugh—also in his day a famous 'litigant in person.'

A CHARACTER SKETCH.

"Often I was reminded of Dr. Joseph Parker. Here, one felt, was a typically English Puritan face. I knew nothing of Mr. Bottomley's descent, but one could imagine that he is of the type of men who daringly sought new homes for freedom's sake in the *Mayflower*, or who charged with old Noll at Marston Moor. It is the face of a strong, determined man. It is capable of softness and tenderness to friends and relatives; it is the face of a man with an active conscience; but it can be also stark and stern and even pitiless at times. Mr. Bottomley represents the solid stuff out of which England's greatness has been woven. The voice is one of singular charm and power. Low, melodious, strong, it is an admirable instrument for an advocate. For five hours on end Mr Bottomley addressed the jury. For the most part his tone was conversational; now and again the low voice would rise to indignant heights; ever and anon, as the litigant appealed to the noblest instincts of the jury or declaimed in accents of scathing reproachment and scorn against the flimsiness and inadequacy of the case he had to meet, his voice would be hushed almost to a whisper, which only the startled silence of the Court made audible. In its quiet earnestness, in its ring of truth and honesty, in the even flow of perfectly-turned phrases and in the subtlety and power of its advocacy, the speech reminded one irresistibly of Sir Edward Clarke. I could not help feeling what a loss the Bar had sustained by Mr. Bottomley's devotion to the City. It is so easy to justify, or appear to justify, a portion of a complicated charge. I began to feel that Mr. Bottomley had, quite unnecessarily, undertaken a heavier burden than he need carry. Contrary to custom and usage, he elected to go into the box straight away. Mr. McCall's cross examination was one long, unbroken triumph for Mr. Bottomley. Mr. McCall is one of the ablest counsel at the Bar; but he had met more than his match. Presently Mr. Bottomley got on Mr. McCall's nerves. Papers were mislaid, references got lost, important dates could not be fixed. Long pauses ensued, while counsel consulted his colleagues or listened to the eager advice of Mr. Hess or his solicitor.

A LONELY FIGHT.

Mr. Bottomley stood calm in the box rarely glancing at a note, relying almost entirely on a marvellously exact memory, never at a loss for a date, a fact, a figure, a name, an explanation. He had to fight his battle alone, unaided by counsel or judge. It was *Athanasius contra mundum*. He never lost nerve for a second or swerved to right or left. He stood 'like Patience on a monument,' smiling at his adversary. His self-command and self-confidence extorted the admiration even of his opponents. He shirked nothing, he hid nothing, he feared nothing. When the time came for the plaintiff to cross-examine defendant's witnesses, few were prepared for anything but comparative failure. Cross-examination is always a difficult art; it is the last portion of his work that the advocate masters. Here many confidently predicted Mr. Bottomley must come to grief. I refrain from sheer humanity from dwelling at any length on the pitiable exhibition given by Mr. Hess in the box. He never got into touch with the jury from first to last. He tried to emulate Mr. Bottomley. But, when challenged, he utterly failed to show that he could justify a single allegation made by him against Mr. Bottomley by a definite fact which he could, from his own knowledge, vouch for. With deadly skill and persistence, Mr. Bottomley showed to demonstration that Mr. Hess had based his charges either on the merest hearsay or on unsound inferences.

A CLASSICAL PRECEDENT.

The concluding question will become a *locus classicus* among aspiring advocates. 'Now, Mr. Hess,' he said, 'do you still persist, after all you have learned, in these charges against me?'. 'Yes,' fiercely replied Mr. Hess, 'in all of them.' 'And you said you are worth £7,500?' quietly added Mr. Bottomley, as he resumed his seat. The whole Court tittered, even the Judge smiled, and the jury nudged each other delightedly. No one enjoyed the sally more than Mr. Asquith, who had dropped in to hear the end of the cross-examination. I have witnessed a most gallant and manful fight against heavy odds. I have seen a layman fight a great lawyer and beat him; I have seen a man with his back to the wall offering every chance to his assailant and beating him after all. I have seen a man with nerves of steel, waiting for five whole days, racked with suspense while the gravest issues were being determined, yet never losing his *sang froid*. I have seen such a 'bonny fighter' as I had never hoped to come across in these dull, prosaic days; and *arma virumque cano.*"

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This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To Mr. W. Washington King, Newsvendor, Eastbourne.

HONOURED SIR,—The splendid work you do for the poor and needy children of Eastbourne excites my admiration. Yourself a poor man, earning a bare livelihood by the sale of evening papers, you devote your best energies to making bright the lives of little children, by whom you are loved. My sole wonder is that your truly Christian work does not meet with more support from the clergy of Eastbourne. This, no doubt, you also regret—for the children's sake. But so far as your own labours go, you have the high commendation of the Master's words: "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, you do it unto Me." JOHN BULL.

To the Bench of Magistrates, Police Court, Torquay.

SAPIENT CADIS,—On August 23rd, you had before you one John Northmore, of Upton Vale Dairy, charged with selling new milk which was deficient in fat to the extent of 33 per cent. He had attempted to evade the prosecution by tricking the police, but they were a little too smart for him. Consequently, you had no alternative but to convict him. And it is here that I have to question the justice of the sentence you passed. You fined this rogue, this robber of babies' nourishment, a paltry two guineas. He had been engaged in the milk trade for 2½ years, during which short period he had seventeen convictions recorded against him. Is it because he is a fellow-tradesman that you dealt with him so leniently? JOHN BULL.

To C. B. Stanton, Esq., M.P.

MY DEAR STANTON,—In your public statements regarding the threatened coal strike you have certainly hit the nail on the head; and I am particularly impressed with your objections to the form of the miners' ballot, through which, as you say, "something like a fraud is being perpetrated on the public." To my mind, there will be no security whatever against these sudden stampedes of Labour until provision is made for a fair ballot and secret voting upon every strike proposal, so as to enable the rank-and-file to record an independent judgment. As soon as Parliament re-assembles I shall seek an opportunity of re-opening this vital matter in some practical form. Meanwhile, I greatly value your support, for—as a miners' agent of many years' standing—you speak upon these questions with an authority that commands respect. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. R. O. Hutchinson, Vicar of Boston, Lincs.

SIR,—It is deplorable that a clergyman of the Church of England should degrade his pulpit by encouraging crimes of violence. This you undoubtedly did in your recent sermon on the subject of Sinn Fein, in the course of which you are reported to have said: "We may call these acts of violence crime. Ireland calls them war. She is fighting for freedom." Such words, issuing from the lips of a Christian minister, are, in my opinion, a direct incentive to the use of murderous methods in pursuit of any political aim, and should have earned the stern condemnation of your Bishop. We want no priests with Bolshevistic leanings.

JOHN BULL.

To Thomas Duffy, Murton Colliery, South Hetton.

LOAFER,—If there are a few others like yourself, I am not surprised that although 100,000 more miners are employed than before the war, our yearly output of coal is 47 million tons less. Charged at Seaham Harbour Police Court with sleeping in a mine, you were said for six weeks never to have hewn more than two tubs a shift, with the result that, although your actual weekly earnings during that period amounted to no more than 3s. 1d., your employers were obliged to pay 15s. 8d. to make up your wage to the minimum. My advice to you is to put some ginger into your work, or apply for a job as a night watchman.

JOHN BULL.

To the Secretary, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

SIR,—I sympathise so thoroughly with the objects for which your Society was founded, that I regret to see it wasting its time and the money of its subscribers on useless prosecutions. After a lengthy hearing, which was several times adjourned, the Bow Street Police Court dismissed the charge of "causing unnecessary suffering" brought against the owners of Drury Lane Theatre and others, in connection with the five camels now appearing in "The Garden of Allah." It is open to argument whether animals should be allowed to perform on the stage at all, but in this case there was absolutely no evidence of cruelty or want of proper care or nourishment, and the charge was very properly dismissed. Don't allow the R.S.P.C.A. to damage its well-deserved reputation by indulging in too much "Nosey Parkerism."

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Arthur Ashton, Coal Miner, Burnley, Lancs.

CONVIVIAL SIR,—I see that, in company with two of your boon companions, you recently made you bow to the Clitheroe Justices, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the evening of the Sabbath Day. It appears that the police-court proceedings were the sequel to a joy-ride in a motor car, helped out with a liberal allowance of champagne. Although you must have spent a good deal of money, the police found £25 in your possession, and it was with the utmost cheerfulness you paid the 40s. fine imposed by the Clitheroe Bench. What a game, isn't it? I suppose you are all out for a strike. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P.

DEAR DEFENDANT,—Do not be alarmed. There is no blot on your 'scutcheon—none to worry about, anyway. Only a fine of 10s. on a silly sort of summons for "aiding and abetting" your chauffeur to use on your car an identification plate the figures of which were half-an-inch smaller than they should have been. Your lawyer said you felt very strongly the accusation of breaking the law. Anybody else might do it, "but not Sir Arthur Benn," he moaned. I can't think why all those tears were shed. Your "crime" was not so very serious, though your lawyer tried to magnify it. Take my tip and don't worry over a little thing like that. Wait till some sleuth finds you wearing a ready-made tie, eating peas with a knife, or using cuss-words at the telephone. Hang trifles! JOHN BULL.

To Mr. James Simmonds, Doorkeeper, Regent St., London.

MODEST MAN,—You did not want to give your name and address, and even now I don't quite know the latter. But I know what you did. There was a runaway horse in Regent Street, with a cart behind it. It was madly making for Piccadilly Circus, rushing to inevitable smash, when you shot out from your shop-door, sprinted to the side of the flyer and grabbed the reins. For 200 yards the runaway dragged you, sometimes on your feet, sometimes off them, but all the time in danger. You pulled him up at the end of the street, thereby saving certain collision and possibly some lives. And when the people cheered, you said, "It was only a sprint," and tried to hide yourself. So I am glad I have found you. Shake!

JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair . . . . Professor Einstein.

'Mornin', sir . . . *'Air cuttin'?* Right-o! You kin do with it. Moosician, p'r'aps? . . . Oh, scientist; I see. Always puzzled me w'y moosicians an' scientific blokes wear their 'air long.

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Something to run their fingers through w'en they're thinkin', I s'pose. Encourages a sorter brain massige, I reckon. Friction to keep the grey matter on the move, eh? Some o' these 'ere scientists seem to 'ave more grey matter than they know wot to do with. I was readin' the other day, or *tryin'* to read, to speak the trooth, some o' the stuff wots' bin published by thet Professor Einstein, 'oo makes out es light kin be bent. I wish it could. It would save me a quid or two in the year. There's an electic standard outside in the street about ten yards to the right o' my shop door. If I could on'y bend the light wot it gives I sh'd give it a 'arf turn into me shop an' save I don't know 'ow much on me meter charges. Bent light! Did jew ever 'ear of sich a silly idea! You might es well say water will run up 'ill! Never in yer life.

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It's absolutely agin nacher. Nacher made light go straight an' water run down 'ill; an' all the bloomin' scientists wot spout at the British Ass. won't alter it. But there was another rummy thing wot this ere Professor Einstein sed—that if the people in a room was carried upwards through the ether at 161,000 miles per sec.—w'ich would be travellin', not arf!—they would contract to 'arf their size if they lay down 'orezontal acrorss the direction of their movement. Thet is, a six foot man layin' down would redooce to three foot! But we knew somethink sim'ler to thet afore. Some people are nex' to nothink—thet is ter say, 'ave no weight at all, no matter w'ich direction they travel, and at any old speed. Take the average Party politician.

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It ain't no odds, in eny case, in wot direction 'e moves, wether to the right or to the left, 'e don't count more'n a row of pins. *Too abstruse for me uninstructed mind?* Oh, *is* it. But jest arnswer me this, if you're the Professor, as I fancies you are: W'y do you come to me to git your 'air cut? W'y not lay town an' let it shorten itself by 'arf, accordin' do your theory? It 'ud save the bob I'm goin' to charge you. . . . No reply—an' no tip. Thet's a scientific bloke all over. Give me a ordinary man in the street for a customer, 'oo's more orfen "short" then not. . . .

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New Damning Evidence—Suborning the Soldie

By THE E

NOBODY can say that in my criticisms of either the *Daily Herald* or the various bodies with which it is associated I have ever spoken unkindly of Mr. George Lansbury. I sat very near to him for several years in the House of Commons, and I formed the conclusion—which I have frequently expressed—that he is an honest, well-meaning but dangerous fanatic. But, although I am still satisfied of the honesty and sincerity of his motives, I am now in possession of irrefutable evidence that, quite apart from those paper supply revelations, as to which many of us have heard so far only half the truth (the story, by the way, was fully told in the *National News* some months ago), he devoted his activities whilst in Russia to anti-British purposes. Indeed, what I am about to disclose will come as a shock not only to the general community, but more especially to ex-fighting men, who will be indignant to learn that for purposes of Bolshevist propaganda Mr. Lansbury favoured the retention of British prisoners in Russian gaols, with all the rigours of prison treatment, because, as he expressed it, their release would weaken the hands of the Soviet Government against Great Britain. I shall also show that he pleaded with those prisoners whom he visited to adopt the Bolshevist creed.

First-Hand Evidence.

I now propose to quote from the signed statements before me. The first is that of an ex-prisoner, now working in a Midland factory, and I will let it speak for itself: "In June, 1918, I was in the Horse Transport of the R.A.S.C. On the 15th, I left with the *Elope* party from the Tower of London and arrived at Murmansk on the 21st. Later, at Sisco, we picked up a Russian interpreter, and then joined Colonel Hazleton's party. Major Frazer, the interpreter, and I, left after a stay of two hours and returned to get back to Sisco. When we had been on the road about a day and a half, we were attacked by a large party of Bolshevik soldiers. We retired to the marshes, where we roamed about for five or six days, endeavouring to reach Colonel Hazleton. We became exhausted through want of food, and on 4th September, 1918, we gave ourselves up as prisoners. When the Bolshevik soldiers got hold of us they ill-treated the interpreter and eventually shot him dead in our presence. We were ultimately sent to Moscow, where Major Frazer, Lang, and myself were put in a criminal prison along with a number of Polish officers of the Czar's régime. We were kept there for a month, each of us receiving three-quarters of a pound of black bread and some fish and cabbage soup per day. We were then taken to an old Army barracks, where we found eleven of the Royal Scots, who had been taken prisoners during the time we were in prison. Our party remained under guard and worked on snow shifting and wood sawing for over a year.

Lansbury's Visit.

"During the early part of this year, 1920, we were informed that those of us who were of the First Expeditionary Force would be given freedom, but those who came out as volunteers would be detained and sent to Andronofsky Monastery. Those of us who were given our freedom—including myself, about twenty-five of the Royal Scots, a few other British soldiers, and three British sailors—were taken to a big building, formerly a library, and told by the Commissar in charge of the British prisoners of war that we could go out to work. He tried to persuade us to work for the Soviet Government, but all of us refused to do so, although we did work in the shape of doing odd jobs for persons who were not Bolsheviks. Soon after we got our freedom, I volunteered to assist Mr. and Mrs. North at the Vicarage and take food out to the prisoners at the monastery, and also to the officer-prisoners at the criminal prison. We visited Mr. and Mrs. North daily, and on one occasion during the latter part of January last, and when clothing received from England was being distributed, Mr. Lansbury and a man named Fineberg—one of the English-speaking principals of the Soviet Party—called. After they had seen Mr. North, and accompanied by him and Mr. Boyden, late of the Cold Store, Moscow, they came in the hall of the Vicarage, where myself and other prisoners of war were. Lansbury asked how we were getting on, and was told that the food was none too good. He said he was getting no better food during his stay there, and that no person in Russia was getting any better. This was contradicted by an Ordinary Seaman—one of our party—and Lansbury said, 'You ought to consider yourselves lucky to have your freedom given to you by the Soviet Government.' He also mentioned that they were working hard in England to get the same conditions regarding government and the nationalisation of all industry, and to put all people on the same level. Another Able Seaman—also of our party—asked Lansbury if he thought that the doctor and the road sweeper should receive the same wages, and Lansbury said that the road sweeper kept down disease by clearing up the refuse and was doing as much regarding the safety of the race as a doctor and was entitled to as much wages. He told us he had visited the factories and also a few of the homes provided by the Bolsheviks for orphans, and that they were a success and much better for the working classes than under former conditions. He was told by one of our party that only the best side of these places would be shown to him, and that we knew from actual experience that the Russian working man and his family were undergoing great hardship and poverty, and we had been told by the working men that they wished for the speedy overthrow of the present Government by Britain and her Allies, as they were not getting enough to eat and were much worse off than under the old Government. Lansbury continued to address us, and said a number of things about the British Government and its pandering to the capitalist class. I cannot remember what he actually said, but I know that all he did say was in disparagement and to the detriment of the British Government. He referred to Bolshevism as being in sympathy with Christ's teaching, and said that it was the practical Socialism as preached in Christ's Sermon

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on the Mount. He was asked if he knew when we should be getting returned to England. He said he did not know, but he hoped that when we did return we should find a Government in England similar to the one in Russia. *He said that the best thing to be done was to have all the Britishers in Moscow put in internment, and then there would be no further complaints about us. He then appeared to get vexed with us, and said 'I shall advise the Soviet Government not to release British military prisoners; if they do, they will have no hold on the British Government, as they —the British Government—are only concerned about their soldiers, and once you fellows get sent home, the British Government will never recognise the Bolshevik Government.'* He also said that he had come to Russia unofficially, and the British Government had allowed him a passport as far as Finland only, and that he had seen the authorities at Finland and had managed to arrange a visit to Moscow—which the British Government knew nothing about, but would do when he returned to England." I ask the fighting men what they think of this. And now I will take the statement of a private in the Royal Scots: "On 27th October, 1918, I was wounded and captured at Archangel, and with other men I was taken to hospital. About January, 1920, I was engaged in breaking sticks in the cellar of the Church Vicarage; it was Red Cross Day, and a number of the men were there to get extra rations from Mr. North. When I came out of the cellar I found Mr. George Lansbury there; he was accompanied by a Russian 'Bolshie' [who said he was an English Communist. I don't know his name. I was not present when they arrived. When I saw them a number of our soldiers were talking to Lansbury. I heard him say something about us being too well treated and if we were in prison the British would recognise the 'Bolshies' quicker, or words to that effect. Th soldiers were very angry and too wild to talk to him after the way he expressed himself." This statement is confirmed by another member of the same regiment, who was sent to Moscow, and was placed in the same Nevinski Boulevard. This is what he says:

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How to Put Pressure on Government.

"About January, 1920, I was engaged along with other men making up parcels in the Church Vicarage, when Mr. North informed us that Mr. Lansbury was there and wished to speak to some of us. A number of men then went to the room and saw him there. Someone asked Mr. Lansbury to try and get some of the soldiers out of the Monastery, where they were detained as prisoners. *He replied that he thought it was right that they should be kept there, as it was the only way to get the British Government to move.*" And here is another statement, also from a private in the Royal Scots: "I was taken prisoner, along with a number of others, on 27th October, 1918, at Topaz. We ultimately arrived in Moscow, where we were detained as prisoners of war for 17 months. In January, 1920, I was employed with other prisoners at the house of Mr. North, the Church Vicarage. At that time we were visited by Mr. George Lansbury, who stated that he had come from England. He only visited us once, which was about mid-day while we were having our dinner—there were about 24 of us employed there that day. Mr. George Lansbury talked to us about England, and the condition of affairs at home; he told us he was out to see what the country was like. *He told us that if he was in power in Russia, all the British prisoners in Moscow would be confined in prison, so that the British Government would be compelled to take steps to make peace with the Bolsheviks.* He also said that Bolshevism, as he had seen it, was good enough to be adopted all the world over." Here is another damning statement: "In January, I was a prisoner of war in Moscow, being imprisoned at the 'Adroniski,' along with 19 other British soldiers. Every fifth day we were allowed to go in batches of five to the house of Mr. North, of the Church Vicarage, to have tea.

Cajoling the Prisoners.

"One day whilst there I met Mr. Lansbury, who was in company with a Mr. 'Friburg,' a Russian Revolutionist, they being introduced to us by Mr. North. During the course of a lengthy and discursive conversation I heard Mr. Lansbury say: —'I am a Bolshevik.' 'Bolshevism is a practical application of Christ's Sermon on the Mount.' 'You are getting plenty to eat from the Russian Government without the extra rations you are being allowed by the English Red Cross.' 'You are fighting against your own brothers.' 'If England will back out of it and leave Russia alone, she will work out her own salvation.' '*If you will become Bolsheviks you will be immediately released from prison.*' By Mr. Lansbury's general conversation he endeavoured to convert us to Bolshevism, but was unsuccessful. He seemed disgusted, but he invited us to dine with him when we returned to England, at the offices of the *Daily Herald*, in London. *When we would not convert to Bolshevism, the extra food and small privileges we had received were all stopped.* I heard him say that the best way to make H.M. Government recognise Bolshies *was to keep prisoners in prison and to treat them as prisoners.*" A Royal Army Ordnance man says: "I saw Mr. Lansbury on two occasions in Moscow. This occurred in the month of January, 1920. On the first occasion he stated in the presence of the Bolshevik Commissar—Finsberg—*that if he were in power, all the British in Moscow would be in prison, so that the British Government be quickly urged to action;* and that Bolshevism was a practical application of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. On the second occasion he stated that Bolshevism was Socialism, as known in England 30 years ago."

Now I say that I have proved Mr. Lansbury to be not only a traitor to Britain, but a cruel and callous brute towards the gallant fellows who fought for him and you and me. *And I call for his prosecution*—for abusing his passport and endeavouring to suborn members of His Majesty's forces from their allegiance. Come, Mr. Prime Minister, *do your duty!*

SILENT SUFFERERS

INTERESTING MEMORANDA FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASSES.

IN spite of all appeals and expectations, the Silent Sufferers continue to remain silent. Does anyone think that the boon of excursion fares would have been granted had it not been for the powerful and persistent Press agitation? An almost certain remedy for a genuine grievance is that it should be widely known that those who suffer are determined to end it.

Specialists—At Reduced Fees.

A most interesting scheme has been evolved by a well-known firm, by which the services of over a score of specialists in different departments of surgery and medicine are available to its employees at reduced fees. The scale of charges is designed in accordance with income, starting at £350, but—and this is the important point—adjusted with due regard to domestic liabilities. This is a boon indeed. Could not other big employers follow suit? One of the middle-class man's greatest bogeys—the fear of an illness which he cannot afford—would thus be removed.

Ratepayers and the King.

Islington's annual rate has now reached 20s. 6d. "in the pound," and as if this were no enough, the Mayor and his "Labour" majority (who wish to substitute the Union Jack for the Red Flag) have chosen the present as a fitting time to bring forward a scheme for building a new Town Hall, which will mean an additional permanent rate of at least 5d., and possibly as much as 9d. As the Mayor refuses to let the inhabitants vote on this grandiose scheme, a number of local ratepayers have sent the King a petition, said to be the first of its kind, against the continuous rise in rates. This action may well prove effective, since the forwarder of the petition has received an intimation from His Majesty's Private Secretary that the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Health for inquiries.

Brain Workers as Well.

In the new German Act for setting up Works Councils, provision is made for the representation of salaried employees as well as wage-earners. Our own Whitley Councils exclude the "black-coated worker." As these Councils have done so much and promise to do so much more for the manual labourer, they could and should be modified to benefit the brain-worker as well. But it is "up to" the brain-worker himself to secure this needed reform.

TOO POOR TO MARRY.

[We give below, merely omitting the writer's name and address at her request, another case of silent suffering.]

I am the daughter of a widow, with no means, who is compelled to work very hard for a livelihood and has no one to assist her at home save myself. Four years ago, when I was 21, I became engaged to a soldier, the same age as myself, who had volunteered for service at the beginning of the war. We hoped to marry as soon as possible after the war was over.

He is now demobilised, but what with the high cost of living and the necessity for keeping up appearances, he finds it almost impossible to save a shilling for our future home. If he could save—well, the price of everything is enormous. To furnish the humblest house or even a few rooms, in the simplest possible way, with necessities only, is absolutely beyond us.

The Curate's Encumbrance.

Partly from the housing difficulty, but more from the idea that the pittance provided may just enable one person to exist, but will certainly not suffice for two, the way to fresh employment is practically blocked for the married curate. "Unmarried" or "Bachelor" is stipulated in nearly all advertisements, and wherever he applies he is told "We require an unmarried man." Long and faithful service does not count in any way. Does it not really seem as if the Church which refuses to support her married servant should facilitate his divorce from the partner to whom it solemnly joined him, but whom it now deems an "encumbrance"? — From the Rev. J. F. Caithness, 6, Holmewood Gardens, London, S.W., to whom a cheque for five guineas has been sent.

To crown everything, all our friends constantly ask us, "When are you going to get married?" How can we? We are told the country needs healthy children to help repair the ravages of war, yet for the Middle Classes marriage is every month becoming more impossible, or more of a burden for those who *do* undertake it. Instead of talking of "Race Suicide," the Bishops should try to understand why people who are fitted to become fathers and mothers refrain from having large families. It is because they are either too poor to marry, or too poor to have children.

Labourers employed at the Ordnance Depot, Dover, receive £3 11s. 6d. to £3 15s. a week. Temporary writers only get £3 4s. In addition, the "temporaries" are not only paid less than the permanent clerical staff, but are excluded from the benefit of a five per cent. increase to meet the cost of living recently granted the latter. Even a Government Department would find it hard to beat this combination of meanness.

Putting on the Screw.

Delays in settling claims for overpayment of Income Tax inflict serious hardship on people of limited means. In one such case the victim is being pressed to pay taxes for the current year, although the Inland Revenue Department still retains, after repeated applications, a sum equal to 6s. in the £ on last year's income. The authorities cannot expect to have it both ways.

"According to Qualifications."

"Salaries according to qualifications and experience." So runs a clause in an advertisement for two assistant masters required by the North Eastern County School, Castle Barnard. Schoolmastering is such an overcrowded profession that applicants generally outnumber vacancies. If there is no fixed salary, the door is opened to bargaining with candidates, with the object of seeing how little they can be induced to accept—a practice as objectionable as that of the many employers whose advertisements call upon the applicant to "state salary required."

A Nurse's Pension.

Invalided out after 15 years of devoted work in South Africa and India, a nursing sister belonging to the Queen's Indian Service has been granted a pension of £84 a year. Age and infirmity alike incapacitate her from further work, and if the retired nurse could barely live on such a pension before the war, what can she do with £84 a year to-day? Certainly, the Service can hardly expect to attract applicants when this pittance is awarded to those who have sacrificed health and happiness, and suffered exile in unhealthy climates, during the best part of their lives.

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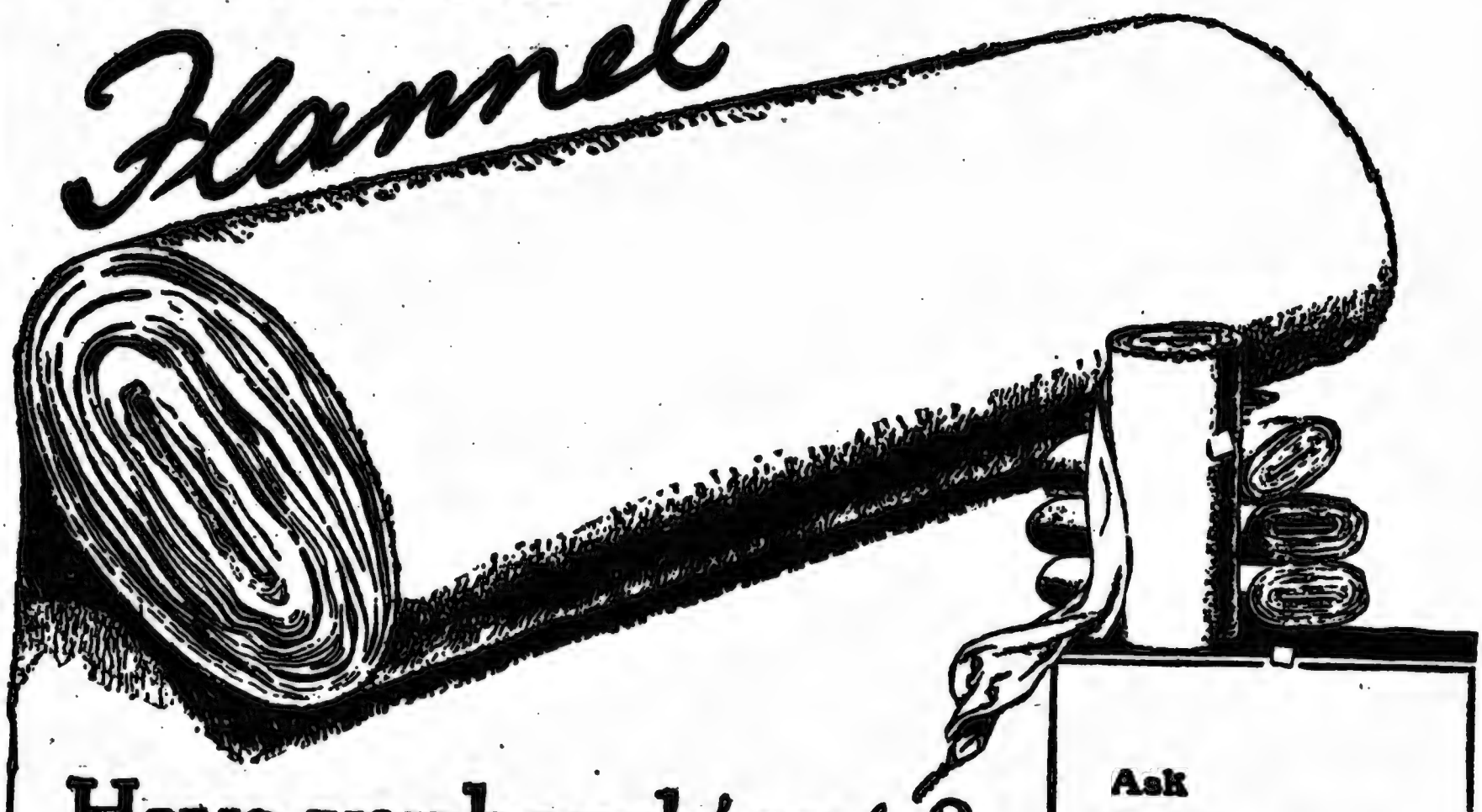

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The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

M.P.s' "Holiday" Duty.

One of your correspondents asks "Why does not the Government pay good men to address Labour audiences and point out where agitators and leaders are trying to lead them to ruin?" There are already in the pay of the people over 600 Members of Parliament who should undertake this most important duty each in his own constituency. At least a portion of every M.P.'s "holiday" should be spent thus.—JAS. INGLIS, Killigrew Road, Falmouth.

Still Borrowing!

Nearly two years has passed since the Armistice, yet our expenditure still continues on the war footing. In the week ending August 7th, the Treasury received £18,600,000 and spent £20,700,000. Despite crushing taxation imposed on this country, the Government had to borrow *for current expenditure*. The refusal of the public to touch Treasury Bonds should warn Ministers that investors thoroughly distrust their finance!—F. HALL, Victoria Square, Weston-super-Mare.

The Widows' Burden.

Should widows working for their daily bread not be relieved from some of our present cruel taxation? At least they might be exempted from paying the Education tax. It does seem hard that widows are compelled to help educate and partly keep (free books, clothing, medical examination, etc.) the children of profiteers, miners and others whose ever-increasing demands for higher wages are raising the cost of the very necessaries of life to such a height. —MRS. MCLEISH, Beechwood Terrace, Langside, Glasgow.

Standard Wages.

To preserve the peace, and save England from herself, the Government should draw up a standard scale of wages for every trade in the United Kingdom, subject to a proportionate reduction when the prices of commodities fall. Also, they should make it compulsory that employers should divide a percentage of their net profits amongst their employees. In this way strikes would cease, everyone being a shareholder; the output would increase, alike for home and export trade, and prices would fall.—R. A. DAVIS, Myrtle Bank, Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. David N. Bowden.

If Parents Struck!

It is notorious that there is "a law for the rich and one for the poor." The new Education Act, under which children must be kept at school till sixteen, comes under the latter heading. It will not affect the rich, but the poor and middle-classes—who have a hard job to clothe and feed their children, even till the present age, when most parents look to them to begin to earn. Why should not parents declare a strike against this most unjust Act?—ARTHUR E. FLETCHER, Coney Hill Road, Gloucester.

Revolution and Ruin.

The first thing that would happen in the event of the overthrow of the Constitution would be the cessation of all State payments. The income of every pensioner, whether Civil Servant, ex-Service man, or *Old Age Pensioner*, would be wiped out in a moment. As the majority of present-day revolutionists were Pacifists or Conscientious Objectors during Britain's hour of trial, it stands to reason that the pensioned ex-soldier and other State servants would get very little consideration if the Constitution were subverted.—DAVID N. BOWDEN, Highbury Park, London, N.

"The Independents."

It is clear to every enlightened man or woman that Parliament, with its hide-bound traditions and antique methods of procedure, is entirely out of touch with the present trend of thought. Let us know and hear more of the Independent Party, whose aim it is to cast off these shackles and to get on with the business. It would be a guide at the next election for "the man in the street" to *know* whom to vote for, instead of being influenced by lurid speeches or placards, which distort the truth and lead him to give his vote to yet another unscrupulous "politician." —R. A. HIGGS, Stapleton Road, Balham.

Road Warnings.

Nearly every day "corner" accidents occur between motors and horse-drawn vehicles, which would have been averted if the latter possessed some means of giving audible warning of approach. It would be safer if *all* vehicles were fitted with a foot-operated gong, for use when needed.—F. BROWN, Princess Road, Peterboro'.

Our Daily Bread.

Why do the Government contribute to the vicious circle by authorising master millers to advance another 6s. per week, to start from August 9th, to all men working in the mills? They did not ask for it! Can you wonder that the quartern loaf is to be 1s. 8d. and more later on? It is not all due to the stopping of the subsidy, as we are led to believe.—F. M. BISHOP, Woodwell Crescent, College Green, Bristol.

Restriction of Trade.

We are losing contracts, both at home and abroad, daily, simply because of abnormal profits. If these were cut down to a respectable working basis—affording a reasonable return for capital invested—the contracts which are finding their way out of the country, and also the contracts which ought to come in, would soon reduce the unemployed and also the out-of-work donation. We would then be in a position to settle our national obligations in a business-like manner, which can hardly be said of the present arrangement.—WILLIAM SCOTT, Dean Park Street, Edinburgh.

"Fiat Experimentum."

For some time we have listened to Bob Smillie on how to work the coal mines to benefit the workers and the public in general. Let them give a practical example. Purchase a coal mine, through their Federation, appoint their own managers, and, if they can produce cheaper coal to the public, give their workmen shorter hours, higher wages, and better housing and working conditions, the whole country will support them and vote for *nationalisation of the coal mines*. But by theoretical preaching only they will never convince the people!—ALEC. CAMPBELL, Beub Road, Shotts, Lanarkshire.

JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

All correspondence relating to financial matters should be addressed to the City Editor.

Each enquiry must bear name and address and be accompanied by a Postal Order for One Shilling.

King Coal.

Although it has been known for a long time that a crisis in the coal industry was impending, the Stock Markets did not appear to take any particular notice of the probability of a national strike until the opening of the miners' ballot. The early results announced, showing a large majority in favour of extreme action, brought the House to anchor with a jerk, and, naturally, the Iron and Steel group suffered severely. Home Railways also lost whatever little favour they seemed to be crawling into a week or two ago, and already it must have cost the country a very considerable sum to gratify the vanity of a few Bolshevik understudies.

'Tis an Ill Wind—

During the crisis other people are taking full advantage of their unique opportunity. Bringing coals to Newcastle used to be a standing jibe, and although I do not think it is true with regard to the Northern port, it seems to have been realised at Cardiff—which would have been equally incredible a few years ago. I believe both Australia and South Africa are sending coal to Europe, and it is reported that a Chinese company has contracted to deliver 200,000 tons to Denmark at £10 per ton, including freight. Unless the miners come to their senses soon, there won't be anything to strike about.

Vickers' Disappointment.

Owing to difficulties in connection with arriving at a settlement about the Munitions Levy and Excess Profits Duty, no accounts have been submitted by Vickers, Ltd. for four years, but it has been the custom to pay dividends in the ordinary way. An interim distribution was due about this time, and there was some disappointment when it was announced that the directors had decided to pass it. I believe the real reason is to be found in the industrial outlook rather than any serious falling-off in the profits, and such a conservative policy is one that can only be commended.

Bubbling Oil.

Oil shares are about the only ones that have come to the surface of the present troubled waters, and they have displayed a wonderful amount of strength, considering the general condition of the markets. Although London is not very directly interested, the announcement that the International Oil Company of Canada and the Tropical Oil Corporation of America are to join forces is of considerable importance. The International is a subsidiary of the Imperial Oil Company, which in turn is controlled by the Standard Oil Trust, which by this merging will obtain a very useful footing in Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, and Ecuador.

A Wonderful Offer!

Recently a firm called Kingdom, Carter & Co., of Smith Square, Westminster, describing themselves as "stock and share brokers and dealers," have been busy sending out circulars about the Austin Motor Co., and offering the 10 per cent. preferred ordinary shares at 17s., free of commission. Seeing that at the same time dealings on the London and Birmingham Stock Exchanges were taking place at 7s. 6d.—8s., it looks as though these philanthropists were trying to secure a commission of 9s. or 9s. 6d. per share! I cannot believe they have succeeded to any appreciable extent, but the Austin Motor Co. would doubtless be glad if their shares were not made the subject of touting circulars by such people—for a thoroughly respectable commercial concern has nothing to gain from such exploitation.

A Useful Work.

Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, have issued a revised edition of their wonderful Income Tax tables which show at a glance rates, allowances, exemptions, etc. The sheet is a marvel of concise and comprehensive information.

(Financial Letter Bag is unavoidably held over, but correspondents enclosing the necessary fee are answered direct by post.)

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPANY MEETING.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMITTEE ON FOOD COSTS.

Great International Investigation Proposed.

Bringing League into touch with Daily Life.

Presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the Argentine Estates of Bovril, Sir George Lawson Johnston (Chairman) stated that he had just returned from Argentine, where he had been accorded the privilege of an interview with the President of that Republic. It was noteworthy that although Argentina was a large producer and exporter of most of the essential foodstuffs, the local prices for these were now more than double what they were in 1914.

The outcry against profiteering was very marked in South America, and there was consequently much labour unrest. The heavy toll levied here on war profits and on the wealthy had done something to mitigate feelings of class jealousy and distrust in England as compared with other countries.

Speaking for the Bovril group of companies as "somewhat persistent anti-profiteers in precept and practice," Sir George suggested that the first essential to allay the present world-wide unrest and suspicion was an official and international investigation of the costs of living, which would authoritatively sift out the effects of profiteering from the other causes of the increase. He considered that this investigation could best be undertaken by a special committee of the League of Nations, which would have at its disposal official data from the greater part of the world, and the findings of which would be free from local political bias.

Above all others, the question of the cost of food entered into the daily lives of the people, and inevitably and unceasingly absorbed their attention. The League of Nations was often regarded as rather an abstract ideal. The handling of this great question by the League would, Sir George believed, do more to arouse practical public interest in it, and to secure universal support for it, than any other single action it could take.

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COMPANY MEETING.

FURNESS, WITHY & CO., LTD.

Presiding at the twenty-ninth annual meeting, held at the Great Eastern Hotel, on August 26th, 1920, Sir Frederick W. Lewis, Bart. (Chairman), said:—"I think there is very little in the Balance Sheet which calls for special comment, for the accounts on a whole are favourable and satisfactory. The profits of the year after making all necessary provisions for taxation, including not only Excess Profits Duty and Income Tax, but also a new item Corporation Tax, amount to £1,004,620 13s. 5d., and after adding the balance brought forward of £120,583 8s. 3d., there is an amount available for appropriation of £1,125,404 1s. 8d. After deducting the preference dividend and the two half-yearly dividends on the ordinary shares, already paid, there remains a balance of £872,904 1s. 8d., out of which the Directors have allocated £500,000 to depreciation account and recommend a bonus of 5 per cent, free of Income Tax on the Ordinary shares, leaving £172,904 1s. 8d. to be carried forward." Proceeding, he said, "Gratifying comments concerning Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co., Ltd., have been made by the Select Committee on National Expenditure in their Report upon shipping. In one particular instance, concerning a purchase of seven steamers in Japan, with an option of five more which was duly exercised, the total commission was entirely refunded to the Ministry of Shipping. With regard to the coming year the outlook was very promising."

The Report was carried unanimously and the dividend recommended was declared.

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OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheeseparing, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

Concerning Leave.—The lower deck men on the Mediterranean Station make a moan. When they arrive back on leave they are granted only 14 days, whereas their mates on home service receive six weeks per year. The officers, by the way, are given a full month. This should be put to the Lower Deck Committee.

"Cushy" Times Gone.—From this date demobilisation furlough and other benefits granted to soldiers under the Army Demobilisation Regulations become things of the past.

Even the Hun Dead First.—Under convention, the British Imperial War Graves Committee look after the graves of Germans in France. The cemeteries at Jean Court are now being put in order; but complaint is made by British people out there that the Germans are being looked after first.

Held-Up.—Among the men of No. 5 "Mob" Company at Bulford are a number whose discharge or demobilisation has been overdue for some months. Meantime it is hard upon them to be over-burdened with guards and fatigues. The Record Officer at Woolwich might get a move on.

Too Small!—Badgers still write telling us that, although they were not too small to fight the Hun, they are told by the Postal authorities when they ask for work that they have not sufficient inches for the job. Come along, Mr. Illingworth! Get rid of the females and give our heroes a chance. This "too small" stunt is rather absurd.

Passage Money.—An Army Order just issued states that certain special categories, who were unable to submit their claims for refund of passage money under Army Order 275 of 1918 before 1st September, 1919, will be allowed up to 31st December, 1920, in which to do so.

Mounted Ornaments.—The Lord Provost of Edinburgh is agitating against the Scots Greys being sent to the East. They are the "bubbly-jocks" (turkey-cocks). Should they now be known as the "landed proprietors"? Are they real soldiers, or expensive mounted ornaments?

Victimisation.—Some small thefts have taken place among the 4th Brigade at Shoeburyness, and the whole garrison as a result is being punished in various ways. If a couple of civilians commit thefts the civil magistrate does not penalise the whole neighbourhood.

The Lifted Ladies.—Many soldiers' wives have been taken away by the enemy in Mesopotamia. Who is to be punished for sending women to that unholy land, where our soldiers themselves are not safe?

Money Awaits You.—Awards of salvage money are ready for distribution for the following services:—Salvage of s.s. *Peregrine* by H.M. Tugs *Pilot*, *Egerton* and *Sturdy* (now *Swarthy*), H.M. Tank Vessel *Tortoise* and Dockyard Working Party between the 14th June and 17th August, 1917. Salvage of s.s. *Valacia* by Naval Working Party, Steam Lighter No. 62, H.M. Motor Lighters Nos. X24, X90, X109, X138, X155 and X172, and Oil Lighter No. "C. 119" between the 3rd and 5th November, 1917. Salvage of s.s. *Waiwera* by H.M. Yacht *Lorna*, H.M. Tugs *Drage*, *Vulcain* and *Egerton*, and H.M. Trawlers *Horatio* and *Toronto* on the 17th January, 1918.

OUR DAILY "THANK YOU."

From J. A. C——, Liverpool.—"Please accept my best thanks for the trouble you have taken in getting my back Pension. I only wrote to you about 14 days ago, and am pleased to say that I have received all that was owing to me. I enclose a small sum for some one who is less fortunate than I am."

RACING NOTES.

A St. Ledger Pointer.

From the moment we saw the weights for the Ebor Handicap, we came to the conclusion that Iron Hand would be returned the winner. A week before we made him our final selection for the race, we pointed out how well the colt had been handicapped. On collateral form, Manilardo's running reflects to the credit of Black Gauntlet, who must now come well into the reckoning for the St. Leger.

Why Wait Till Monday?

Our fellow publication, the *Sunday Evening Telegram*, the only Sunday evening newspaper, is going forward from success to success. It now proposes to lead with a *complete* service of Soccer and Rugby Football results, reports and forecasts, providing a reliable guide for the football enthusiast, giving another day's chance before filling up your John Bull coupons.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

DERBY—WEDNESDAY.
Devonshire Nursery—*TORMENT.
Derbyshire Plate—MOST BEAUTIFUL.
Portland Plate—IRON ORE.

DERBY—THURSDAY.
Elvaston Nursery—PHARMACIE or FLYNET.
Peveril of the Peak Plate—*DIADEM.
Rangemore Handicap—RAPIERE.

MANCHESTER—FRIDAY.
Ellesmere Handicap—FLOWER DAY.
Palatine Nursery—CHI-LO-SA or HASTY MATCH.
Autumn Breeders' Plate—*LEIGHTON.

MANCHESTER—SATURDAY.
Wilton Nursery—VADDY.
Michaelmas Foal Stakes—*BARRULET.
Prince Edward Handicap—KEYSOE or CHATTOR.

FOLKESTONE—FRIDAY.
Leas Nursery—KING'S PIRATE.
Folkestone Handicap—*PLEASURE GROUND.

FOLKESTONE—SATURDAY.
Romsey Handicap—*BRANCE.
Dover Midweight Handicap—BRIDGE OF WEIR.

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Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Tommy's Fate.—During the war a healthy man joined up. He was discharged, owing to failing eyesight, with a small pension, which has now ceased. He had sold most of his home to keep things going, and his other burdens include a wife and two children.

Sold Up.—Before he came to us a man who had been out of work for many weeks owing to illness had sold most of his home to keep the pot boiling. He has a wife and two children.

"Who Goes a Borrowing."—Out of employment for two months, a man borrowed money from his friends who—poor themselves—were pressing him for repayment. He has the minimum pension, and has a wife and four children to support.

Tortured:—With no friends, and tortured with rheumatism, an old man living alone asked us to assist him to purchase food and comforts, which we readily did.

It Takes Doing!—A widow with three young children has a total income of 15s. a week, out of which she has to house, feed and clothe the youngsters and herself. She was in distress when she sent particulars of her case to us.

An Even Worse Case.—For over a year a crippled man has been unable to work to support himself and his mother. They have 12s. a week coming in, and before approaching us were compelled to ask for parish relief.

WILL OUR "BADGERS" HELP?

During the campaign we worked long and hard, early and late, for our Service men afloat and ashore—and apart from the complimentary title "Tommy and Jack's Bible," bestowed upon us by the boys, the countless letters of thanks received from all over the world more than prove the universal appreciation of our efforts. Ours was an Herculean task during those dark days, and it still continues a heavy burden. Day by day we have Service grievances remedied, and handle scores of pension, pay, civil liabilities, and other cases sent to us by our old friends in a new guise—the "Badgers."

As one instance, out of our very numerous successful services, we may mention the case of a man demobilised five months ago. He claimed to have ranked as a staff quartermaster-sergeant, but was officially told that his permanent rank was that of corporal. He placed the matter in our hands—with the result that, after much work of an intricate character, JOHN BULL had the man's rank established. To his surprise he did not receive £25, but within a few shillings of £80—representing his back pay and the increased separation allowance to which his wife was entitled. He sent us a letter of thanks, expressing his delight—but, like very many other beneficiaries, he forgot our Fund.

Of course Tommy is an absent-minded beggar; and during the campaign, although admiring our charitable efforts which supported his dependents, he, unlike Jack, sent us very few shillings. We have now about 5,000,000 Badgers, and we trust that they have cast off their absent-mindedness with their uniforms. We assist many of their brothers who are in distress, and want them to help us to continue the good work. Come on, boys! Which branch will send the largest donation? Remember what we did for you and yours during the war, and emulate the R. E. Mess at Aden, who this week sent us £5.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) distressed ex-Soldiers and Sailors and their dependents, (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? All donations, gifts of clothing, etc., should be addressed to the Fund, at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. All expenses of administration are borne by us.]

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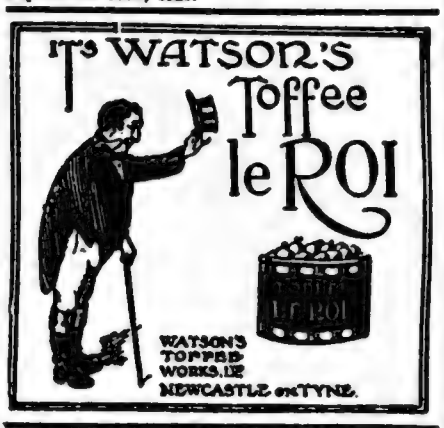

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A. S. (Lille).—Your interesting letter to hand. Rest assured we shall never waver in support of the just claims of France.

A. L. D. (Hammersmith).—"Will the Bank of England follow the example of the Hull Savings Bank and pay out the Dormant Bank Balances?" As soon as the Government says "Must!"

Mrs. J. M. (Gravesend).—"You have more influence than any man in this country." Aye, lady, but it's an awful responsibility.

C. M. B. (Hyde Park).—Your proposal for a special tax upon *all* aliens in this country strikes us as being very unfair to those who stood by us during the war.

S. P. W. (Pimlico).—"Many in the Government croak at Bolshevism." True, and others blare at it like bulls of Bashan.

W. C. (Peckham).—"Don't you think the Government's Housing Scheme a farce?" More of a tragedy.

"AMERICAN" (anonymous, of course).—"It would be a bit more graceful . . . if you demobilized your own anti-American medium of propaganda, JOHN BULL, before starting an organised onslaught on our little prejudices." In short, we are to leave off criticising you before we begin to criticise you!

"SLOTHFUL READER" (Wells).—"What good do ur l.i wages do us while food rices keep rising?" Just beginning to find it out, are you?

"A RAILWAY INSPECTOR."—The fact that many engine drivers do not get £5 a week does not prove that no driver gets as much. The public may overestimate the average wages, but it knows it has to pay higher fares to meet the increased wages bill.

"IRISH"—'Before six months have passed you will be with your boon Companion. The Devil." Thanks muchly for your anonymous courtesy. Will you kindly ask your friend to provide his longest spoon for supping? But aren't we Ireland's true friend?

R. G. M. (Liverpool).—The O.B.E. is not so highly esteemed that we need begrudge it to a British subject of Dutch origin who was naturalised before the war.

J. B. (Budge Row).—"Can nothing be done to stop such highway robbery as the railway companies are perpetrating?" Not while we have a Ministry of Transport which sanctions all their extortions.

"HACKNEY VOTER."—"Socialism is manure for the grass that will grow in the streets of London." We have noticed a Bolshevistic smell lately.

C. G. F. (Boston).—"All the decent Americans like the Briton and respect him, and hate the Irish 'patriot.'" No doubt. But what's become of all the decent Americans?

W. H. E. (Plymouth).—In Bostock and Wombwell's Menagerie the elephant took JOHN BULL out of your hand and swallowed it. Well, we are food for the brain and easy of digestion. But we are glad you were not carrying the *Daily Herald*.

G. R. B. (Southampton).—"I work for a small shopkeeper, and I find they are a damned sight worse than the big men." Why not try for a job with a medium-sized one?

D. (Whitechapel).—"I am hoping you will come down and listen to the Bolshevist speakers here every Sunday. The police stand by like dummies." Such a visit would be no treat for us, and no doubt those police know their business.

P. B. S. (Barnes).—We all know a miss is as good as a mile, but to be deprived by the War Office of your fare from Canada, whence you came to join up, because you enlisted *one day* later than the time allowed by A.O. 275 of 1918, is stretching red tape to breaking point.

PTE. F. B. (Meerut, India).—Yours is a delicate matter, in which we cannot very well intrude. Send your sweetheart as much money as you can, and come home and marry her.

F. S. (Peckham).—"Her wages are 25s. per week and part food. Out of this she pays 9s. 6d. for her lodging, fare 4s., and suppers all the week and food week ends." Thus is a premium placed on immorality.

MR. B. (Towcester).—Your letter to hand. What the blue ink are you driving at?

J. McC. (County Down).—The Down fishermen, whose boats were destroyed by enemy action, seem to have been badly treated by the Government. You can say we said so.

"SMALL SHOPKEEPER" (Sheffield).—"Not one small shopkeeper in a hundred wants to return to the rotten days before the war." Probably not, but don't forget that the customer also is entitled to a look in.

"ANSUM" (West Hartlepool).—Glad you found our remarks upon railway clerks' conditions "quite correct." That's the best of a reliable journal.

H. P. (S.W.).—The Income Tax people have kept you waiting five months for return of money. The Civil Service is out to beat its own record, and perhaps wants a few thousand more clerks. You see, you are in a hurry. They are not.

"CLEVELAND."—"I do hope you will publish this." Your pencil-writing is so atrocious that we cannot even read it all.

J. S. (B'stoke).—Why do you write of the "supposed" Jack the Ripper? If he was not real enough for you, you must be hard to convince.

J. H. (South Kirkby).—The Miners' Union, if we understand you aright, is making you pay back money advanced for the support of your family while you were in the Army. Not having full details before us, we can only advise you to appeal to the Union if you think it is unfair.

"OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN."—The reader who asked where he could send money for *the children of the Allies* is referred to M. Henry Bronnert, Hon. Treasurer of the French War Charities Society, 56, Princes Street, Manchester.

"SOGEKE" (Lagos).—You will be very glad if we will send you JOHN BULL every week. "Please don't fail me, try next mail, Yours affectionately." Fancy a woolly-headed one trying it on us!

H. W. (Salford).—You want "a few more men of the Smillie type." Run round and find 'em; don't apply to us. We do not stock the goods.

"KAT'S EYE" (Edinburgh).—It is up to Baden-Powell to see that his organisation is not confused with the "red" and Sinn Fein troops of imitation Boy Scouts and Girl Guides which you mention.

L. N. (Leeds).—"My employer has stopped taking it (JOHN BULL)—says that it's not so good as it was, yet when I buy it for myself he borrows it. Mean, is it not?" To be thought other than good by a skinflint of that description we consider the highest commendation.

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R. B. (Torquay).—"I am writing to ask you if you could have the time put back to the ordinary time as we have to get up at half-past four." We're arranging the matter.

W. G. W. (West Kirby).—It is news to us that we ever offered a reward of a guinea to anyone finding in JOHN BULL the word "England" used where "Great Britain" was meant.

E. J. H. (Oke'ton).—The kind lady of Okehampton who rewarded with 3d. the finder of her wallet of notes reached the height of meanness.

A. J. H. (Seven Kings).—Thanks for facts and figures "showing the difference between private and municipal trading." You should now take a rest cure.

A. W. (Taunton).—Surely there is no lack of work for charwomen in these days. Our tame specimen is as uppish as a Peruvian cockatoo.

"A.B.C. GIRLS."—We have a great deal of sympathy with you tea-shop girls, who in too many instances are unfairly treated. The remedy lies in your own hands.

"READER" (Montreal).—Your letter, written with a fishbone on four sheets of tissue paper, duly received. Perhaps a change of air might assist you.

"INTERESTED" (Newport, Mon.).—The Salvation Army bandsmen were justified in handing in their instruments on being forbidden to see a football match. Such a rule is oppressive, and out of date.

"READER" (Broughton Astley).—"I fear you will find this somewhat rambling." Your fear was justified.

R. W. B. (Chertsey).—Ah, no. The thousands of young fellows who are helping to support infirm fathers and mothers are not "wasting their lives." They are acting a truly noble part.

H. P. H. (Thornton Heath).—"I have been reading your article, as I always do." That's right. When you have formed a good habit, stick to it.

H. W. (Howdon-on-T.).—The Ministry rig tly state the legal conditions of the Old Age Pension. Since attaining the age of 50 years the residence of an applicant in the Unite i Kingdom must have aggregated 12 years. They can't alter the law to suit the old lady's case.

W. H. (Stockwell).—"Please don't laugh aloud at me if this is out of the question, in fact I know you won't." That's right, old son; we don't laugh at a good man.

"A POOR WORKING GIRL."—"The wicked ways of man who regards woman as a mere plaything." Well, yes, perhaps, sometimes. But, if he does, he loses the game in the end.

"READER" (Middlesbro').—We do not know the origin of the custom of linking little fingers when two persons make the same remark at the same moment, unless it arose out of mutual sympathy for mutual inanity.

"AN ONLOOKER" (Stratford).—The "lady" who bounced out of the railway carriage because a sober and respectable bluejacket entered, did well. She was not a fit person for a sailor to travel with.

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Follow Lord Bristol's Example
—and wear—
Economically Priced Suits.

Reprinted from the DAILY MAIL, Aug. 11, 1920.

LORD BRISTOL'S £4 8s. SUIT.
MEASURED & FITTED BY HIS WIFE.

Lord Bristol, at a meeting of the West Suffolk County Council, at Bury St. Edmunds, said that he was wearing a suit of clothes for which he was measured by Lady Bristol.

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Questioned about his suit yesterday, Lord Bristol said it was supplied to measurements made by Lady Bristol. * * * * "It is quite good enough for me, and good enough for most people. They must be fools who go and spend ten guineas."

LORD BRISTOL'S experience should convince those who have not tried Tailoring-by-post that the self-measurement system meets all reasonable requirements. Curzon's have made hundreds of thousands of suits and overcoats by this method.

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25, West Road, Woolston, Southampton, 2.8.20
Gentlemen,—I beg to inform you that I received the suit this morning, for which I thank you. I am exceedingly pleased with it. The fit, style and finish is splendid.
It is astonishing how you can do it from one's own sometimes imperfect measurement.
I again thank you.
(Signed) JOHN D. MACLEOD.

Oakengates, Broadway, Letchworth, Herts, Aug. 9, 1920.
Dear Sirs,—The suit which you made for me to the above order duly came to hand just before the holiday, for which many thanks. I am very pleased indeed with the result of the order placed with you, and the fit considering that you had only my own measurements to work to is quite good.
(Signed) J. VAN HOOYDONK.

Hd. Qrs. Director of Stores, Wimereux, France. 7.8.20
Gentlemen,—I have to acknowledge receipt of suit which arrived last night. I am extremely pleased with it. The style and cut is everything to be desired.
(Signed) E. HANSON

83, Heywood Street, Alexandra Park, Manchester. 6.8.20
Dear Sir,—Have received suit No. P.E. 986, and am very pleased with same both in style, fit and quality. (Signed) H. L. DIFFEN.

5, Third Avenue, The Rectory, Devonport, Devon. 2.8.20
Dear Sirs,—Herewith I beg to tender my best thanks for goods received quite safely on Thursday, July 29th. I am very pleased with same, which is a splendid fit, and I will be pleased to recommend others to you. Thanking you for your kind attention.
(Signed) JAMES TAYLOR.

Mansion House, Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury, Yorks. July 26.20
Dear Sirs,—Thank you for sending suit and trousers which came to hand last week.
I am very pleased indeed with the garments, the quality of cloth is good at the price and the fit is perfect.
May I say that I placed an order with another firm at the same time as yours and with the same measurements at a much higher price, and the result is very unsatisfactory. I am sending your trousers to them to show them how they should be cut.
(Signed) F. J. HOLLAND.

Write to Curzon's and you will receive free of charge by return of post a **fine range of cloth patterns, illustrated chart and self-measurement form, fashion book and tape measure,** enabling you to be measured in your own home without possibility of error.
Curzon's **Made to Measure** Suits or Overcoats are made from good quality tweeds, serges or worsted at prices ranging from £2 17 6 to £5 17 6.
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THE WORLD'S MEASURE TAILORS.
(Dept. 114) 60/2, CITY ROAD, LONDON, E.C.1.

THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE. *We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in* JOHN BULL, *i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns, we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to* JOHN BULL, *Advertisement Department, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.*

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

First choose any of the Forty examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated September 25th.

SELECT EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 387.

A GOOD KICK-OFF	BOLSHEVISM	WHAT BOTTOMLEY KNOWS	WHAT IRELAND WANTS
WINNING A THOUSAND	NICE BEAUTY	MEETING A BRICK	MOVING
AFTER THE HOLIDAYS	SWEET SEVENTEEN	UNPLEASANT	PLAIN SPEAKING
WELL DONE	UNDRESS UNIFORM	AFTER ALL	GOVERNMENT EXPERTS
ON THE WARPATH	NICE AND WARM	WHAT WINSTON THINKS	NOT MAKING ENOUGH
LABOUR'S LATEST MOVE	WITHOUT QUESTION	HEROES OF WAR	BEFORE AND AFTER
BORROWING TROUBLE	WOMAN'S WEAKNESS	MOST EXPENSIVE	LAND OF PROMISE
GERMAN SAMPLES	NOT PAID YET	DISHONOURED BILL	GOLD AGAIN
OVERRATED	NO PLACE FOR TOMMY	LEFT IN PEACE	AGE OF WOMAN
IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?	UPSIDE DOWN	UNPUNISHED	MIXING THE BATHERS

Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(387) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d must be sent.

☞ If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(387) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 387, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(387) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

Closing Date, Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Example_____
Bullet_____
Example_____
Bullet_____
(387) P.O. No._____ Signed_____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address_____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Result of 385th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mrs. M. GRACE,
16, Owen Road, Lancaster.
Example:—HAND IN GLOVE.
Bullet:—IF MEN WORE WEDDING-RINGS.

SECOND PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. HAROLD J. HORRY,
12, Albion Terrace, Hunslet, Leeds.
Example:—DANGEROUS MAN.
Bullet:—GENERALLY PLAYS "CARDS WELL."

THIRD PRIZE OF £15:

Mrs. A. R. OAKLEY, 82, York Road, Salisbury.
Example:—THE NEXT CONFERENCE.
Bullet:—"LAST SHOT" LET'S HOPE.

10 Holiday Prizes of £10 each:

MR. C. MILLS, 53, Eglinton Road, Plumstead, S.E.18.
SIMPLY A DREAM—GUARDING COLOGNE AFTER CORK
MRS. E. HARRIS, 123, Malefant Street, Cardiff:
CAUGHT OUT—THROUGH "STRIKING" WITHOUT JUDGMENT.
MRS. E. DRURY, 6, Frinton Road, Skirbeck, Boston, Lincs.:
SIMPLY A DREAM—DOESN'T FOLLOW SHE'S ASLEEP.
MR. H. W. FOX, 5, Sunnydene Villas, Estcourt St., Hull:
THE NEXT CONFERENCE—SHILLIE SENDS FOR PREMIER.
MISS J. DONOVAN, 13, High Street, Thornton Heath:
MOTHER'S ADVICE—TO CANADA—"WATCH SAM."
MISS D. BARBER, 20, Ripon Gardens, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne:
FIRED—ENOUGH OF OUR AMMUNITION.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon).
MR. J. LAFFERE, Church Street, Tullamore, King's County, Ireland:
A MISFIT—WHEN "FORCED INTO" THINGS.
MR. L. W. SHEARLOCK, 50, Grove Lane, Kingston-on-Thames:
IN THE KNOW—YET GOVERNMENT "NO WISER."
MR. A. MASKELL, 19, Prittlewell Path, Southend:
PERFECT TERROR—"WOLF" FOLLOWING "WAR DOGS."
MR. T. F. VIRGO, Hostel No. 6, R.A.O. Depot, Georgetown, N.B.:
A MISFIT—NARROW MIND IN PULPIT.

10 Holiday Prizes of £5 each:

MR. A. OAKLEY, 50, Butler Road, Harrow:
MOTHER'S ADVICE—"FOLLOWERS" ARE NOT "MOURNERS."
MR. G. W. MCNAUGHTON, 47, Havelock Street, Canterbury:
WON'T DO HERE—WHAT TRAITORS SHOUT "ABROAD"
MISS V. GREEN, "Alandale," Church Lane, Southampton:
EVERY LITTLE HELPS—ANOTHER TANK REACHES IRELAND.
MR. T. BRIERLEY, 23, Park Road, Leek, Staffs.:
NEVER FAILING—THE ARMAMENT SHAREHOLDER'S PATRIOTISM.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon).
MR. R. BLAND, 186, New Road, Chatham:
WELCOME—IRISH AS "FIGHTERS" ONCE.
MR. P. CLARK, 76, Sidney Road, Bootle, Liverpool:
THE NEXT CONFERENCE—WILL BE BRITAIN'S CREDITORS.
MR. T. BERRY, 81, Water Street, Chorley, Lancs.:
HAND IN GLOVE—POLITICAL OPPONENTS DURING RECESS.
MISS M. MAYES, 20, Raymond Street, Thetford:
WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING—THEY'RE "TIRED OF TALKING."
MR. F. WILLIAMS, 56, Portland Street, Birkenhead:
SIMPLY A DREAM—BUT PRICES "OPENS EYES."
MR. J. COOK, 11, Sunderland Terrace, Barnsley:
MATTER OF MOMENT—IRELAND—TILL FOOTBALL STARTS.

(Continued on opposite page.) ☞

List of 16s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition 385 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and Other Prize-winners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
TO BE RETAINED BY NEWSAGENT.

To .....Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed .....

Address .....

Sept. 4, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address .....

Sept. 4, 1920.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

BIGGEST ONE-WEEK FOOTBALL PRIZE!

£500 MUST BE WON

FOR A CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT FORECAST OF ONLY 14 MATCHES

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE sum of £500 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £500 will be awarded to the sender of most correct results, so that in any event the £500 **MUST BE WON.** This is the

BIGGEST ONE-WEEK FOOTBALL PRIZE OFFERED BY ANY PAPER.

This Competition is **Exclusive to "John Bull"** and Coupons do not appear in any other paper. There is no entrance fee. Scottish and Irish readers can compete. We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Competitors can send as many coupons as they like.

COUPONS FOR THIS COMPETITION ARE PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE ONLY.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL announcing this Competition. Coupons must be completely filled up in ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £500 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £500. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on coupon, it will be disregarded.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than Sept. 9th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each Match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 3, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, Sept. 9th.

Home Team.		Away Team.	Home	Away	Draw
The Arsenal	v.	Manchester City			
Aston Villa	v.	Tottenham Hotspur			
Blackburn Rovers	v.	Sunderland			
Bolton Wan.	v.	West Bromwich A.			
Huddersfield T.	v.	Bradford City			
Manchester United	v.	Chelsea			
Cardiff City	v.	Birmingham			
Notts Forest	v.	Notts County			
Sheffield Wed.	v.	Stoke			
Wolverhampton W	v.	Bury			
Bristol Rovers	v.	Grimsby Town			
Luton Town	v.	Swansea Town			
Norwich City	v.	Crystal Palace			
Southampton	v.	Portsmouth			

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

(3) SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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ANOTHER BIG ONE-WEEK FOOTBALL PRIZE NEXT WEEK!

20 "Bullets" Holiday Prizewinners of £2 10s. each. (Continued from opposite page.)

BAKER, H., Brighton Villa, Lilian Rd., Blackwood.
BROWN, J. R., 40, Mostyn Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
COOK, T., 50, Inglefield Avenue, Cardiff.
COWIE, E., 17, Hartington St, Barrow-in-Furness.
FEATHERSTONE, H., 4, Clarkson Street, Ipswich.
HALL, F., The Beeches, Bunbury, Cheshire.
HOPKINS, C. L., 255, Tyldesley Road, Hindsford.
HARRIS, C. T., Sutton Valence, Maidstone.
HARDACRE, E., 37, Well Lane, Beverley.
JONES, H., 9, Lily Road, Litherland, Liverpool.
KENT, S. G., 38, Whitefriars Road, Hastings.
LIDDLE, W., Mrs., Dunlarroch St., Larbert, Stirlshire.
McGOWN, W., 810, Argyle Street, Glasgow.
MASSEY, W., 295, Alice Street, South Shields.
POWELL, C. D., 171, Colonial Rd. Bordesley Gr. B'ham
PAY, A. Miss, 60, Fisherton Street, Salisbury.
QUINTON, J. E., Brockhurst Rd., Gosport, Hants.
RICHARDSON, G., Companys Row, Steanhousemuir.
RAY, M. Miss, 23, Robinson St., Ridgeley, Stockport.
SMITH, R., The Green, Flore, Weedon.

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Why not keep them in **A Secret Safe,** hidden to all but yourself, same size as a brick, fitting easily and invisibly into any wall; hardened steel door, six lever lock (no two alike); two sizes: 9 ins., **£2 12s. 3d.**; 13 ins., **£3 0s. 6d.**, carriage paid. Cement for fixing 2/-. Money back if dissatisfied and Safe returned sound. Send for list and local agent. **BRICK SAFE CO.,** 227, Sherborne Street, Birmingham. London Agents: Ellwood, Wimpenny & Co., 6 & 7, Coleman St., E.C. Agents for Lancs. & Cheshire: P. F. Phillips, Corn Exchange Buildings, Preeson's Row, Liverpool.

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SMOKING MIXTURE AND CIGARETTES.

The Smoking Mixture is now Packed in the usual Decorated Tins, and we think you will consider it is still further improved in quality.

FOSTER CLARK'S

The Cream of all Custards—with its delightful creaminess—such an improvement on the old style custard. Sold in 10d. packets, 1/- tins and small packets.

SWEETENED CREAM CUSTARD (pure cane sugar used), so helpful where the sugar difficulty is acute. Sold in packets 1/9, small packets 3d.

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LOVE IT!

CREAM CUSTARD

GRAVES
OF SHEFFIELD

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DRESS FABRICS BY THE YARD.

Get Catesby's patterns of useful and beautiful fabrics for Ladies' and Children's attire. Ask clearly for the patterns required, and to avoid delay write for List 19.

(Dept. 19) CATESBYS Ltd., LONDON, W.1.

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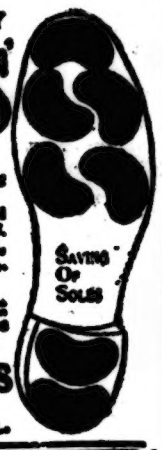

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